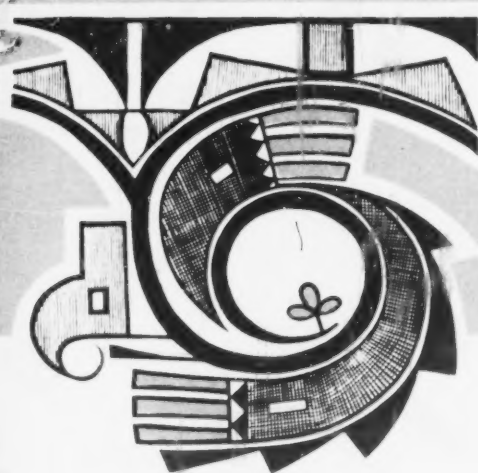




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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate in September was unchanged from August at 9.0 percent, according to estimates based largely on the Department of Labor's monthly survey of labor force characteristics. Both total employment and unemployment declined slightly, primarily due to the usual exit of summer jobholders and jobseekers from the labor force this time of year. Approximately 60,900 New Mexicans were jobless in September, 6,400 more than one year ago. The nation's unemployment rate this September was 6.8 percent, compared with 6.7 percent in August and 6.9 percent in September 1985.

According to the monthly survey of New Mexico business and government payrolls, total nonfarm employment rose by 3,600 jobs during September. The majority of the additional jobs were in state and local government and in transportation; the increases were due to the start of the new

school term. Those gains were partially offset by seasonal losses in construction and in tourism-related subsectors of trade and services such as eating and lodging places, service stations, summer youth camps, and amusement & recreational facilities. Unfortunately, the ailing mining industry again reported layoffs during the month, with 200 fewer jobs in oil & gas extraction and a decline of 100 in metal mining.

Nonagricultural payroll employment growth from a year ago was a very restrained 0.5 percent (+2,400 jobs). Moderate job gains of between two and three percent were reported in trade, services, and finance, insurance, and real estate; however, much of this growth was offset by substantial losses in mining and smaller reductions in communications and utilities. In mining, 5,600 jobs have been lost since last year, mostly in the oil & gas category.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Sep. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	679,300	682,800	651,700	-3,500	+27,600
Employment	618,400	621,500	597,200	-3,100	+21,200
Unemployment	60,900	61,300	54,500	- 400	+6,400
Rate	9.0%	9.0%	8.4%		

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

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NEW MEXICO	PRELIM SEP 1986	REVISED AUG 1986	REVISED SEP 1985	SEP CHANGE FROM AUG 1986	SEP 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	527,300	523,700	524,900	3,600	2,400
MINING	14,600	14,900	20,200	-300	-5,600
Metal Mining	2,200	2,300	3,000	-100	-800
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,600	3,600	4,100	0	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,800	9,000	13,100	-200	-4,300
CONSTRUCTION	38,000	38,600	37,800	-600	200
MANUFACTURING	38,400	38,100	38,200	300	200
DURABLE GOODS	24,400	24,300	24,300	100	100
Lumber & Wood Products	2,800	2,800	2,600	0	200
Machinery(except electric)	2,500	2,500	2,800	0	-300
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,800	6,600	6,600	200	200
Transportation Equipment	4,000	4,100	4,000	-100	0
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,300	8,300	0	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	14,000	13,800	13,900	200	100
Food & Kindred Products	5,300	5,100	5,000	200	300
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,300	6,500	0	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,100	27,200	30,100	900	-2,000
TRANSPORTATION	12,800	11,800	13,300	1,000	-500
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	5,800	6,200	100	-300
Other Transportation	4,500	3,600	4,700	900	-200
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,300	15,400	16,800	-100	-1,500
Communication	6,600	6,700	7,200	-100	-600
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	8,700	8,700	9,600	0	-900
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	129,600	130,300	126,100	-700	3,500
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,600	22,800	23,100	-200	-500
Durable Goods	13,600	13,700	13,700	-100	-100
Nondurable Goods	9,000	9,100	9,400	-100	-400
RETAIL TRADE	107,000	107,500	103,000	-500	4,000
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	5,000	5,000	4,700	0	300
General Merchandise Stores	12,800	12,700	11,800	100	1,000
Food Stores	16,300	16,500	15,000	-200	1,300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	12,900	13,100	13,000	-200	-100
Apparel & Accessories	5,600	5,700	5,700	-100	-100
Furniture & Furnishing	4,400	4,300	4,500	100	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	38,200	38,500	36,700	-300	1,500
Miscellaneous Retail	11,800	11,700	11,600	100	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,400	26,400	25,700	0	700
Banking	8,200	8,200	8,100	0	100
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,800	2,800	2,700	0	100
Real Estate	6,500	6,500	6,300	0	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,600	5,600	5,200	0	400
SERVICES	117,500	119,700	114,200	-2,200	3,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,900	13,400	11,800	-500	1,100
Personal Services	5,700	5,800	5,600	-100	100
Business Services	27,400	27,400	26,400	0	1,000
Health Services	27,600	27,700	27,200	-100	400
Legal Services	4,000	4,100	3,700	-100	300
Educational Services	3,900	3,400	3,900	500	0
Social Services	7,800	7,400	7,300	400	500
Membership Organizations	5,600	7,000	6,200	-1,400	-600
Other Services	22,600	23,500	22,100	-900	500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	134,700	128,500	132,600	6,200	2,100
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,400	30,000	29,500	-600	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	105,300	98,500	103,100	6,800	2,200
State Government 2/	48,900	44,000	47,800	4,900	1,100
Local Government	56,400	54,500	55,300	1,900	1,100

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

There was very little change in the Albuquerque area unemployment situation in September, according to preliminary labor force estimates. The total number of unemployed individuals crept up by only 100 between August and September, pushing the unemployment rate upward one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.5%. This is the first month this year that Albuquerque's unemployment rate has exceeded the rate for the corresponding month of 1985.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, as measured by the survey of employers, rose by 400 jobs between August and September. Hiring of temporary workers at the New Mexico State Fair and re-staffing of public schools and the university for the fall term contributed most of the job gains in the government sector, while the recall by school bus contractors of workers who had been furloughed last June caused most of the advance in transportation, communication, and public utilities. Over-the-month job losses were recorded in trade, services, and contract construction. Membership organizations contributed heavily to the drop in services jobs as summer recreation

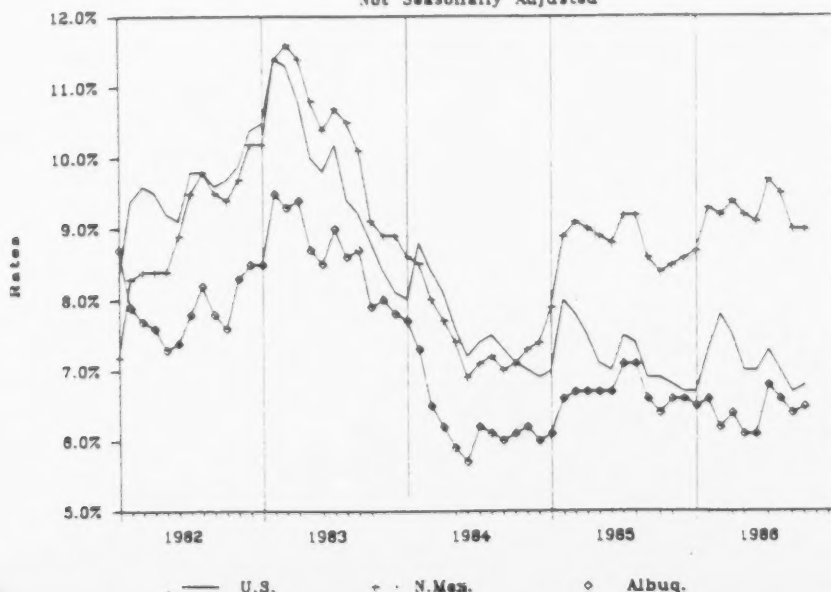
programs came to a close. The over-the-month decline of 400 jobs in construction approximates seasonal expectations, but the loss of 700 construction jobs since September 1985 is quite notable and indicative of regional and local trends toward a slower pace in urban development.

The large drop in construction employment over the year was concentrated in the building and special trades sectors. Heavy construction actually shows a sizeable job increase since September 1985, which is probably the result of numerous public works projects such as sewer, street, highway, and bridge work. Except for construction, all other industrial divisions displayed modest job growth over the past twelve months. Major industrial groups with strong employment gains since a year ago include eating and drinking places, food stores, hotels and lodging places, general merchandise stores, business services, electrical and electronic machinery manufacturers, health services, and agricultural services (principally veterinary services and landscape and horticultural services).

	Prel. Sep. 1986	Revised Aug. 1986	Revised Sep. 1985	Change From Aug. 1986	Change From Sep. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	255,400	257,200	245,300	-1,800	+10,100
Employment	238,900	240,800	229,500	-1,900	+9,400
Unemployment	16,500	16,400	15,800	+ 100	+ 700
Rate	6.5%	6.4%	6.4%		

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM SEP 1986	REVISED AUG 1986	REVISED SEP 1985	SEP CHANGE FROM AUG 1986	SEP 1985

TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	226,100	225,700	223,500	400	2,600
MINING	300	300	300	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	18,200	18,600	18,900	-400	-700
MANUFACTURING	19,500	19,500	19,200	0	300
Durable Goods	13,800	13,800	13,400	0	400
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,400	11,800	12,300	600	100
Transportation	6,100	5,600	5,800	500	300
Communication	3,900	3,800	4,000	100	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,400	58,600	57,400	-200	1,000
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,100	14,200	14,200	-100	-100
Durable Goods	9,500	9,600	9,500	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	-100
RETAIL TRADE	44,300	44,400	43,200	-100	1,100
General Merchandise Stores	5,000	4,800	4,700	200	300
Food Stores	5,300	5,400	4,900	-100	400
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,700	4,800	4,800	-100	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	16,700	16,800	16,200	-100	500
Other Retail Trade	12,600	12,600	12,600	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,700	13,700	13,400	0	300
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,900	3,800	3,700	100	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,600	6,700	6,600	-100	0
SERVICES	58,700	59,500	57,300	-800	1,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,900	3,900	3,500	0	400
Personal Services	3,000	3,100	3,000	-100	0
Business Services	18,800	18,900	18,500	-100	300
Health Services	13,300	13,500	13,100	-200	200
Social Services	2,800	2,700	2,800	100	0
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,900	1,700	-300	-100
Other Services	15,300	15,500	14,700	-200	600
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	44,900	43,700	44,700	1,200	200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,900	13,200	12,600	-300	300
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	32,000	30,500	32,100	1,500	-100
State Government	13,100	11,900	14,000	1,200	-900
Local Government	18,900	18,600	18,100	300	800

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

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LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM SEP 1986	REVISED AUG 1986	REVISED SEP 1985	SEP CHANGE FROM AUG 1986	SEP 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	41,300	38,750	36,450	2,550	4,850
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,800	3,000	2,500	-200	300
MANUFACTURING	3,400	3,350	3,450	50	-50
Durable Goods	1,300	1,350	1,150	-50	150
Nondurable Goods	2,100	2,000	2,300	100	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,450	1,400	1,350	50	100
Transportation	600	550	550	50	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	800	0	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,200	8,200	7,550	0	650
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	800	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	7,400	7,400	6,750	0	650
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	900	0	50
Food Stores	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,200	3,200	2,700	0	500
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,450	1,400	0	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,650	1,500	0	150
SERVICES	5,600	5,550	5,100	50	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	650	550	0	100
Business Services	1,000	1,000	850	0	150
Health Services	1,500	1,500	1,350	0	150
Social Services	350	300	350	50	0
Other Services	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	18,200	15,600	15,000	2,600	3,200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,600	4,700	4,700	-100	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	13,600	10,900	10,300	2,700	3,300
State Government	7,700	6,400	5,500	1,300	2,200
Local Government	5,900	4,500	4,800	1,400	1,100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM SEP 1986	REVISED AUG 1986	REVISED SEP 1985	SEP CHANGE FROM AUG 1986	SEP 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	51,050	52,450	51,350	-1,400	-300
MINING	100	100	150	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,500	3,600	3,600	-100	-100
MANUFACTURING	1,550	1,550	1,650	0	-100
Durable Goods	950	950	950	0	0
Nondurable Goods	600	600	700	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Transportation	400	400	350	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	700	700	750	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,100	10,400	10,100	-300	0
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,400	9,700	9,400	-300	0
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	950	0	0
Food Stores	1,400	1,450	1,300	-50	100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	900	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,700	3,900	3,700	-200	0
Other Retail Trade	2,500	2,550	2,550	-50	-50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,050	2,100	1,950	-50	100
SERVICES	13,250	13,500	12,700	-250	550
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	2,100	2,150	1,750	-50	350
Business Services	3,000	2,900	3,100	100	-100
Health Services	2,700	2,600	2,600	100	100
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	4,900	5,300	4,700	-400	200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	19,400	20,100	20,100	-700	-700
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,600	1,700	-100	-200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	17,900	18,500	18,400	-600	-500
State Government 4/	14,700	15,200	15,000	-500	-300
Local Government	3,200	3,300	3,400	-100	-200

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- 1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.
- 2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.
- 3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.
- 4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory..
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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS									
Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)									
	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	SEP 1986	AUG 1986	SEP 1985	SEP 1986	AUG 1986	SEP 1985	SEP 1986	AUG 1986	SEP 1985
MINING	\$498.08	\$499.20	\$497.35	40.2	39.4	42.4	12.39	12.67	11.73
CONSTRUCTION	\$404.74	\$407.86	\$411.06	37.2	37.8	36.8	10.88	10.79	11.17
MANUFACTURING	\$345.07	\$337.26	\$343.48	39.8	38.9	40.6	8.67	8.67	8.46
Durable Goods	\$342.55	\$342.14	\$344.57	40.3	39.6	40.3	8.50	8.64	8.55
Nondurable Goods	\$349.46	\$326.75	\$341.96	38.7	37.3	41.3	9.03	8.76	8.28
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	\$570.78	\$585.19	\$484.18	42.5	44.4	43.0	13.43	13.18	11.26
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	\$218.99	\$219.43	\$221.09	32.3	32.8	32.9	6.78	6.69	6.72
Wholesale Trade	\$371.79	\$378.81	\$360.71	40.5	41.4	41.7	9.18	9.15	8.65
Retail Trade	\$191.58	\$189.38	\$193.75	30.8	31.2	31.2	6.22	6.07	6.21
BANKING	\$223.49	\$218.68	\$222.88	38.8	37.9	39.8	5.76	5.77	5.60
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	SEP 1986	AUG 1986	SEP 1985	SEP 1986	AUG 1986	SEP 1985	SEP 1986	AUG 1986	SEP 1985
MANUFACTURING	\$340.94	\$346.14	\$336.91	40.3	39.2	40.3	\$8.46	\$8.83	8.36
Durable Goods	\$366.21	\$356.57	\$343.26	40.6	40.2	39.5	\$9.02	\$8.87	8.69
Nondurable Goods	\$291.00	\$318.42	\$321.39	39.7	36.6	42.4	\$7.33	\$8.70	7.58

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Construction is underway on the new Employment Security Department service center near Broadway and Edith Boulevard. Lionel Play World, a toy warehouse, tentatively plans to open near San Mateo and Montgomery around the first of November with a work force of about 150. The Pyramid Plaza Holiday Inn expects to soon be hiring about 300 workers in anticipation of a December opening. Construction is expected to begin in November on Courtyard II, a \$2.5 million, 32,500-square-foot office complex, to be built adjacent to Courtyard I in the Journal Center. Among New Mexico projects funded by the recently passed military construction bill is the \$16 million project to renovate the Kirtland Air Force Base medical facility; an additional \$13 million was approved for a variety of other projects at Kirtland. The VF Factory Outlet store on the West Mesa has closed, costing the jobs of 45 employees. Plans for a Radison Suite Hotel to be built in the American Square development have been cancelled by the project's developer.

American Square officials are talking to other hotel chains in hopes of bringing in a replacement high-rise hotel. Meanwhile, construction of the retail portion of American Square is underway; and lease agreements have been obtained from prospective anchor stores Federated Electronics and Cost Plus Imports. Construction is expected to begin shortly on Vista del Norte, a \$2.5 million, 16-store, 22,700-square-foot neighborhood shopping center at Louisiana and San Antonio Blvds., N.E. Protests by various individuals and groups have put in jeopardy Centex American Gypsum Company's wallboard plant proposed for construction in Algodones.

ALAMOGORDO AREA: Announcement of the location of the \$500 million Strategic Defense Initiative laser project facility is expected by this January, according to Pentagon officials. The three White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) area sites being considered for the facility are near Orogrande, near San Antonio, and a site

north of the current WSMR headquarters near the NASA test site. The huge project is expected to employ between 500 and 2,000 construction workers and have a 250 operational work force.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Western-Ag Minerals recalled its potash mine workers on October 10 after a two-month shutdown. Western-Ag employs approximately 125 workers. Officials at another area potash operation, International Mining and Minerals Corp. (IMC), have indicated they are planning a four-week shutdown sometime before December. IMC employs about 550 workers at the Carlsbad facility. The Department of Energy has announced that the \$35 million TRUPACT container fabrication and assembly plant for the Waste Isolation Pilot Project will be located at the Carlsbad Industrial Park. LAR-CO Development of Carlsbad was awarded the contract to construct a 24,000-square-foot building at Carlsbad's industrial park which will house the TRUPACT facilities. The facility is expected to be completed early next year, and Westinghouse will employ fifty workers manufacturing 21 TRUPACT containers at the site over the next three years. TRUPACT's will be used to transport transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: Froz-fruit Inc. has begun remodeling work at its 78,000-square-foot plant in Clovis which will enable the facility to produce a new line of ice cream products. Work is expected to be completed by early next year, in time to increase production for the 1987 season. Froz-fruit employed more than 200 workers during the summer months of this year, and at least that number and possibly more should be employed in 1987.

FARMINGTON AREA: Groundbreaking ceremonies have been held for the Navajo Dam hydroelectric power plant project. C. H. Taylor Co. of Albuquerque has been awarded a \$2.8 million contract to build the new Kirtland Elementary School; construction should take about one year.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Fifty engineers employed by the Santa Fe Railway are scheduled to be transferred from Gallup to Belen about the end of October. McKinley County has been awarded a \$200,000

Community Development Block Grant to build a new community health center. The Gallup Family Health Center has received a \$214,000 federal grant to expand services at its three area clinics.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: Construction has begun on the AMOCO CO₂ recovery plant near Denver City, TX, about 25 miles east of Lovington. An AMOCO spokesman said about 160 workers are currently on the project and by early spring as many as 350 will be employed. The other CO₂ recovery plant slated for the Denver City area, the ARCO facility, is scheduled for construction beginning this December. Both plants are expected to be operational late next year. As part of its reorganization efforts, El Paso Natural Gas Company will close its Plant No. 4 near Jal before the end of the year. El Paso officials said they will place as many of the affected workers as possible in other jobs in its Permian Division.

Retraction: Chaparral Services Inc. did not close as reported in the August 29, 1986 issue of this newsletter.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Sporadic rains during October caused some delays in the harvest of area red chile and other vegetable crops. Although chile wilt, caused by the wet weather, ruined some fields in Dona Ana County, green chile yields were reported above normal, ranging from 12 to 13 tons per acre. Joy Canning, a vegetable processing firm located south of Las Cruces, laid off 270 seasonal workers during October. A Colorado-based convenience chain, Go-Fer Food Stores, opened the first of several stores planned for the Las Cruces area.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Los Alamos National Laboratory has been awarded a new defense contract to develop and improve armor and anti-armor technology for use in conventional tactical battlefield weapons such as anti-tank weapons. The contract is for \$3 million in the first year and is expected to last for at least five more years and be worth a total of about \$76 million over that time period. Mason and Hanger has again been awarded the contract to provide security services for Los Alamos National Laboratory; the contract is for about \$14 million a year and could

extend to seven years duration. Mason and Hanger currently has about 314 employees in Los Alamos.

RATON AREA: La Mesa Park race track has closed for the season, and 250 seasonal employees have been laid off. Sofia Exploration Co. is planning a test well to search for carbon dioxide near the abandoned settlement of Sofia, about 30 miles west of Clayton; the company recently completed seismic testing in the area. A new business, Picture Perfect Produce, recently started up in Clayton and now employs 25 workers sorting, sacking, and shipping locally-grown potatoes to points as far away as Mississippi.

ROSWELL AREA: Steel Distributors, Inc. (SDI) has opened a warehouse operation at the Roswell Industrial Air Center (RIAC) which will stock steel and aluminum products for use in construction and industrial projects. The Roswell warehouse is one of eight such operations operated around the country by SDI. International Products Distributing, Inc., a candy manufacturer at RIAC, will undergo a \$120,000 expansion of its facilities which will double the firm's current work force of 15.

SANTA FE AREA: The new La Quinta Motel in Santa Fe is scheduled to open soon with 35 to 40 employees. Radio Shack plans to open its fourth Santa Fe outlet sometime in November in De Vargas Center Mall; the Cordova Road store thereafter will serve only business customers. The Adobe Motel and Restaurant on Cerrillos Road has been demolished; two new restaurants, Polle de Asado and Skippers, are among the businesses planned to occupy the property. Empire Block Co., a manufacturer of concrete blocks which had employed 20 workers, has been shut down because of bankruptcy.

SILVER CITY AREA: A training program sponsored by the Operating Engineers Local 953 and the Employment Security Department is training 13 unemployed copper workers in heavy equipment operation at the Grant County industrial park. The six-month training program is intended to aid laid off copper workers. Public Works grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$300,000 were recently awarded to the communities of Silver City, Central, Bayard, and Hurley for street improvements, waste water system improvements, and other capital projects.

TAOS AREA: Taos Lodge is now open for business in the former Holiday Inn facility; the management hopes to reopen the restaurant shortly. The Taos County government has laid off 14 employees and reduced the hours of nine others to half-time in an effort to meet budget targets. Officials of the Village of Questa have eliminated the village administrator's position and one other position and have asked all other village employees to accept 20 percent pay cuts; a 46 percent reduction in gross receipts tax revenues during the July-September quarter made the austerity measures necessary. Mesa Airlines has contracted with Angel Fire Ski Resort to provide one flight per day from Albuquerque to Angel Fire during the coming ski season. All area ski resorts are expected to begin staffing up during the next four to six weeks.

TUCUMCARI AREA: Alco Stores, Inc. is expected to open their new store in Tucumcari in early November with a staff of approximately 50. Gaylord Brothers of Albuquerque has begun a runway rehabilitation project at the Tucumcari Municipal Airport.

**Additional Information on State Government
Employment**

Number of Classified State Govt. Workers

September 1986	14,902
August 1986	15,093
September 1985	15,058

These figures include classified employees working for classified agencies of the executive branch of state government. This information is furnished by the New Mexico State Personnel Office.

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Workers

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 1986

REVISED AUGUST 1986

REVISED SEPTEMBER 1985

	PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 1986			REVISED AUGUST 1986			REVISED SEPTEMBER 1985		
	Labor Force	Empl.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Rate
STATEWIDE	679,324	618,415	9.0%	682,812	621,485	9.0%	651,718	597,177	9.2%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	255,393	238,870	9.3%	257,180	240,784	9.4%	245,291	229,493	9.3%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	57,894	53,626	9.3%	55,922	52,041	9.3%	49,722	45,551	9.1%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	62,719	59,492	9.5%	64,837	61,515	9.5%	59,539	56,558	9.5%
Catron	1,249	1,134	9.1%	1,273	1,153	9.1%	1,009	893	8.8%
Chaves	23,458	21,348	9.1%	23,302	21,170	9.1%	23,641	21,703	9.2%
Cibola	8,838	7,318	8.3%	8,982	7,350	8.2%	8,625	6,729	7.8%
Colfax	7,023	6,209	8.8%	7,866	7,046	8.9%	6,883	6,226	9.0%
Curry	17,726	16,328	9.2%	17,349	16,244	9.4%	16,594	15,387	9.2%
De Baca	1,034	927	9.0%	987	900	9.1%	956	855	8.9%
Eddy	22,639	19,440	8.6%	23,021	19,755	8.6%	21,883	19,692	8.9%
Grant	9,923	8,830	8.9%	10,154	8,923	8.8%	10,050	8,139	8.1%
Guadalupe	1,760	1,560	8.8%	1,767	1,549	8.8%	1,601	1,416	8.8%
Harding	527	481	9.1%	534	490	9.2%	540	496	9.1%
Hidalgo	2,451	2,285	9.3%	2,394	2,259	9.4%	2,429	2,220	9.1%
Lea	25,665	21,808	8.5%	25,495	21,824	8.6%	26,682	25,117	9.4%
Lincoln	8,306	7,775	9.3%	8,496	8,081	9.5%	8,365	7,866	9.4%
Luna	6,120	5,360	8.8%	6,070	5,267	8.7%	5,675	4,841	8.6%
McKinley	17,307	15,012	8.7%	17,313	14,807	8.6%	16,939	14,725	8.7%
Mora	1,362	928	6.8%	1,386	965	7.0%	1,397	1,085	7.8%
Otero	17,792	16,537	9.3%	18,017	16,703	9.3%	16,820	15,531	9.2%
Quay	4,708	4,292	9.1%	4,690	4,279	9.2%	4,664	4,232	9.1%
Rio Arriba	12,953	10,664	8.2%	12,898	10,477	8.1%	13,407	11,343	8.5%
Roosevelt	7,694	7,310	9.5%	6,646	6,316	9.6%	7,218	6,833	9.4%
Sandoval	22,656	20,651	9.1%	22,928	20,935	9.1%	21,229	19,554	9.1%
San Juan	34,907	29,176	8.4%	35,490	29,269	8.3%	34,339	29,896	8.7%
San Miguel	9,818	8,638	8.8%	9,729	8,489	8.7%	9,482	8,332	8.8%
Sierra	2,485	2,331	9.4%	2,416	2,262	9.4%	2,344	2,125	9.1%
Socorro	5,726	5,188	9.0%	5,666	5,166	9.1%	5,231	4,829	9.2%
Taos	9,508	7,285	7.7%	10,231	7,669	7.5%	10,475	8,699	8.3%
Torrance	3,147	2,822	9.0%	3,190	2,866	9.0%	3,406	3,050	8.9%
Union	2,158	2,004	9.3%	2,229	2,059	9.1%	2,202	2,092	9.6%
Valencia	14,378	12,786	8.9%	14,354	12,872	9.0%	13,080	11,669	8.9%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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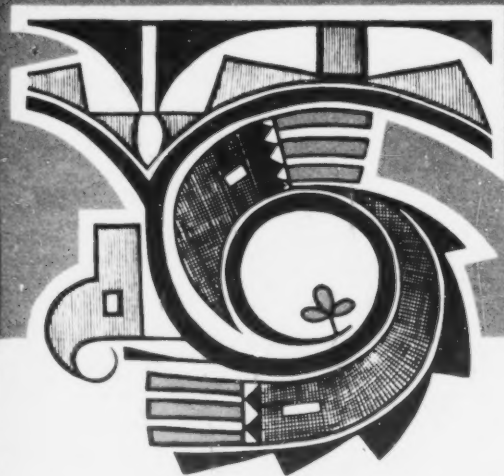
LEA COUNTY CLASSIFIED LABOR SURPLUS AREA

Effective October 1, 1986, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration added Lea County to the list of New Mexico civil jurisdictions classified as Labor Surplus Areas (LSA's). Employers located in LSA's can be given preference in bidding on federal procurement contracts. The purpose in providing such preference is to help direct the government dollars into areas where people are in the most severe economic need. Following is the current list of Labor Surplus Areas in New Mexico.

Catron County
Cibola County
Colfax County
Eddy County
Grant County
Guadalupe County
Lea County
Luna County

McKinley County
Mora County
Rio Arriba County
San Juan County
San Miguel County
Taos County
Torrance County
Valencia County

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate edged down from 9.0 to 8.8 percent in October, according to preliminary estimates. Approximately 60,100 persons were unemployed during October, 700 fewer than in the previous month. One year ago, unemployment in New Mexico stood at 55,700, yielding a jobless rate of 8.5 percent. Nationally, the unemployment rate this October was 6.6 percent (not seasonally adjusted), down from 6.8 percent in September.

Total nonfarm payroll employment in New Mexico rose by 2,400 jobs in October. The largest increases were in state and local government, as educational institutions continued to staff up for the fall term. Seasonal job declines were posted in construction and at lodging places, restaurants and amusement facilities.

Of note during October was employment in oil & gas extraction which edged up slightly, in contrast to the severe layoffs experienced through the first nine months of 1986. Manufacturing also added jobs, with small increases in electrical equipment, transportation, and food processing.

The effects of the downturn in the mining industry is evident when looking at New Mexico county unemployment rates (see page 9). The five counties with the largest increases in jobless rates over the last twelve months all have suffered from mining layoffs. Taos County saw the closing of Molycorp's molybdenum mine, while large oil & gas cutbacks have occurred in Lea and San Juan over the last year. Mora and Rio Arriba's worsened unemployment is at least partially the result of the mining layoffs in neighboring Taos and San Juan Counties.

OCTOBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	682,400	676,700	656,600	+5,700	+25,800
Employment	622,300	615,900	600,900	+6,400	+21,400
Unemployment	60,100	60,800	55,700	- 700	+4,400
Rate	8.8%	9.0%	8.5%		

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

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NEW MEXICO	PRELIM OCT 1986	REVISED SEP 1986	REVISED OCT 1985	OCT CHANGE FROM SEP 1986	OCT 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	527,000	524,600	525,400	2,400	1,600
MINING	14,800	14,700	20,200	100	-5,400
Metal Mining	2,200	2,200	3,100	0	-900
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,600	3,600	3,900	0	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,000	8,900	13,200	100	-4,200
CONSTRUCTION	37,100	38,100	37,600	-1,000	-500
MANUFACTURING	38,500	38,300	38,000	200	500
DURABLE GOODS	24,400	24,300	24,300	100	100
Lumber & Wood Products	2,700	2,800	2,600	-100	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,400	2,400	2,700	0	-300
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,900	6,800	6,500	100	400
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,000	4,200	100	-100
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,300	8,300	0	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	14,100	14,000	13,700	100	400
Food & Kindred Products	5,400	5,300	4,800	100	600
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,300	6,500	0	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,500	28,000	30,000	500	-1,500
TRANSPORTATION	12,800	12,700	13,200	100	-400
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	6,000	5,900	6,100	100	0
Other Transportation	4,500	4,500	4,700	0	-200
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,700	15,300	16,800	400	-1,100
Communication	6,600	6,600	7,200	0	-600
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,100	8,700	9,600	400	-500
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	129,500	129,700	126,200	-200	3,300
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,800	22,600	23,300	200	-500
Durable Goods	13,700	13,600	13,700	100	0
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,000	9,600	100	-500
RETAIL TRADE	106,700	107,100	102,900	-400	3,800
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,900	5,000	4,700	-100	200
General Merchandise Stores	13,300	12,800	12,200	500	1,100
Food Stores	16,200	16,300	15,400	-100	800
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,200	13,200	13,000	0	200
Apparel & Accessories	5,600	5,600	5,600	0	0
Furniture & Furnishing	4,500	4,400	4,500	100	0
Eating & Drinking Places	37,200	38,000	35,700	-800	1,500
Miscellaneous Retail	11,800	11,800	11,800	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,400	26,400	25,400	0	1,000
Banking	8,100	8,200	8,100	-100	0
Insurance Carriers	3,400	3,300	3,300	100	100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,800	2,700	100	200
Real Estate	6,400	6,500	6,200	-100	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,600	5,600	5,100	0	500
SERVICES	116,000	116,500	113,800	-500	2,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,500	12,800	11,700	-300	800
Personal Services	5,800	5,700	5,700	100	100
Business Services	27,500	27,400	26,600	100	900
Health Services	27,500	27,500	27,300	0	200
Legal Services	4,100	4,000	3,800	100	300
Educational Services	3,900	3,800	4,100	100	-200
Social Services	7,700	7,600	7,200	100	500
Membership Organizations	5,400	5,500	6,100	-100	-700
Other Services	21,600	22,200	21,300	-600	300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	136,200	132,900	134,200	3,300	2,000
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,300	29,400	29,100	-100	200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	106,900	103,500	105,100	3,400	1,800
State Government 2/	48,800	46,900	48,500	1,900	300
Local Government	58,100	56,600	56,600	1,500	1,500

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

HIGHLIGHTS

Albuquerque area unemployment edged upward slightly in October to 17,100 jobless persons, an increase of 600 over the September total, according to preliminary labor force estimates. The October unemployment rate of 6.6 percent was barely up from September's 6.5 percent rate and was exactly the same as it was one year ago.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Albuquerque area advanced by 1,400 jobs between September and October. Nearly all of the increase occurred in state and local government as the university and public schools got their fall terms fully underway. Small employment gains were experienced in health services as area hospitals added to their payrolls and in general merchandise as hiring increased at local department stores. Over-the-month job losses were noted for both food stores

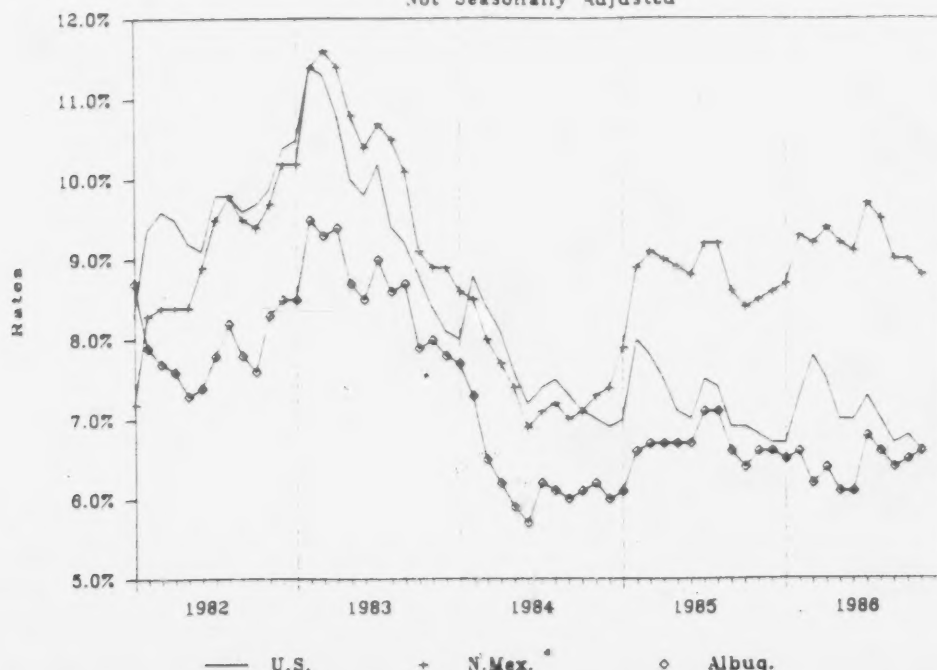
and eating and drinking places. Construction jobs edged downward slightly in a seasonal move, as did the related stone, clay, & glass and lumber & wood sectors of durable goods manufacturing. Over-the-year employment changes were mostly on the upside, as total payroll employment grew by 4,300 jobs since October 1985. Jobs in government were above the year ago level, and healthy private sector advances were noted in services and trade. Within those major groups, growth was most prominent in eating & drinking places, lodging places, health services, general merchandise stores, and food stores. On the downside, construction employment is now well below the year ago level, and jobs have also been lost in nondurable goods manufacturing, especially food manufacturing.

OCTOBER SUMMARY

	Prel. Oct. 1986	Revised Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985	Change From Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	259,800	255,000	245,300	+4,800	+14,500
Employment	242,700	238,500	229,100	+4,200	+13,600
Unemployment	17,100	16,500	16,200	+ 600	+ 900
Rate	6.6%	6.5%	6.6%		

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM OCT 1986	REVISED SEP 1986	REVISED OCT 1985	OCT CHANGE FROM SEP 1986	OCT 1985

TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	227,500	226,100	223,200	1,400	4,300
MINING	300	300	300	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	18,200	18,300	18,800	-100	-600
MANUFACTURING	19,500	19,600	19,600	-100	-100
Durable Goods	13,800	13,900	13,600	-100	200
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,700	6,000	0	-300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,300	12,200	12,200	100	100
Transportation	6,100	6,000	5,700	100	400
Communication	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	-200
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,300	58,300	57,300	0	1,000
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,100	14,000	14,300	100	-200
Durable Goods	9,500	9,400	9,500	100	0
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,600	4,800	0	-200
RETAIL TRADE	44,200	44,300	43,000	-100	1,200
General Merchandise Stores	5,100	4,900	4,700	200	400
Food Stores	5,200	5,300	4,900	-100	300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,700	4,800	100	0
Eating & Drinking Places	16,400	16,700	15,900	-300	500
Other Retail Trade	12,700	12,700	12,700	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,800	13,800	13,500	0	300
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,700	6,700	6,500	0	200
SERVICES	59,000	58,700	57,400	300	1,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,900	3,900	3,500	0	400
Personal Services	3,100	3,000	3,100	100	0
Business Services	18,800	18,800	18,600	0	200
Health Services	13,500	13,300	13,100	200	400
Social Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	-100
Other Services	15,300	15,300	14,600	0	700
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	46,100	44,900	44,100	1,200	2,000
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,800	12,900	12,300	-100	500
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	33,300	32,000	31,800	1,300	1,500
State Government	13,900	13,100	13,300	800	600
Local Government	19,400	18,900	18,500	500	900

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
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LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	OCT	CHANGE FROM
	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985	SEP 1986	OCT 1985

TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	40,450	39,450	37,850	1,000	2,600
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,800	2,900	2,500	-100	300
MANUFACTURING	3,600	3,450	3,450	150	150
Durable Goods	1,300	1,350	1,150	-50	150
Nondurable Goods	2,300	2,100	2,300	200	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0
Transportation	600	600	600	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	850	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,250	8,200	7,750	50	500
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	850	0	-50
RETAIL TRADE	7,450	7,400	6,900	50	550
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	950	0	0
Food Stores	1,050	1,000	950	50	100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,200	3,200	2,800	0	400
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,450	1,400	0	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,650	1,550	0	100
SERVICES	5,800	5,600	5,450	200	350
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	700	650	600	50	100
Business Services	1,000	1,000	900	0	100
Health Services	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Social Services	300	350	350	-50	-50
Other Services	2,300	2,100	2,200	200	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	16,900	16,200	15,700	700	1,200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	12,200	11,500	11,000	700	1,200
State Government	7,300	6,700	6,000	600	1,300
Local Government	4,900	4,800	5,000	100	-100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	OCT	CHANGE FROM
	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985	SEP 1986	OCT 1985

TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	51,050	51,150	51,000	-100	50
MINING	100	100	150	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0
MANUFACTURING	1,550	1,550	1,650	0	-100
Durable Goods	950	950	950	0	0
Nondurable Goods	600	600	700	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Transportation	400	400	350	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	700	700	750	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,050	10,150	9,900	-100	150
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,350	9,450	9,200	-100	150
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	1,000	0	-50
Food Stores	1,400	1,400	1,250	0	150
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	900	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,600	3,700	3,500	-100	100
Other Retail Trade	2,550	2,550	2,550	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,050	2,050	2,000	0	50
SERVICES	12,800	13,200	12,300	-400	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,950	2,050	1,650	-100	300
Business Services	3,100	3,100	2,900	0	200
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	4,600	4,900	4,600	-300	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	19,800	19,400	20,300	400	-500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18,300	17,900	18,800	400	-500
State Government 4/	14,900	14,700	15,100	200	-200
Local Government	3,400	3,200	3,700	200	-300

- 1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.
- 2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.
- 3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.
- 4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS									
Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)									
	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985
MINING	\$488.38	\$495.65	\$519.83	41.6	39.4	43.5	11.74	12.58	11.95
CONSTRUCTION	\$393.89	\$393.12	\$374.87	37.3	36.4	35.1	10.56	10.80	10.68
MANUFACTURING	\$347.58	\$349.13	\$332.29	40.7	39.9	39.7	8.54	8.75	8.37
Durable Goods	\$346.93	\$343.66	\$336.54	41.4	40.1	39.5	8.38	8.57	8.52
Nondurable Goods	\$352.29	\$360.51	\$322.40	39.1	39.4	40.1	9.01	9.15	8.04
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	\$453.58	\$586.04	\$477.55	40.9	44.6	42.6	11.09	13.14	11.21
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	\$218.64	\$223.93	\$213.52	32.2	32.5	32.9	6.79	6.89	6.49
Wholesale Trade	\$381.71	\$379.20	\$352.77	41.4	40.6	41.6	9.22	9.34	8.48
Retail Trade	\$190.00	\$194.99	\$185.36	30.4	31.0	31.1	6.25	6.29	5.96
BANKING	\$222.85	\$222.91	\$217.20	37.9	38.7	40.0	5.88	5.76	5.43
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985
MANUFACTURING	\$361.58	\$361.97	\$340.45	40.4	40.9	40.1	8.95	8.85	8.49
Durable Goods	\$406.50	\$359.07	\$349.44	42.3	40.3	39.8	9.61	8.91	8.78
Nondurable Goods	\$273.05	\$372.80	\$317.75	36.7	42.9	41.0	7.44	8.69	7.75
NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.									

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: A major restructuring of the Santa Fe Southern Pacific Corp. will mean a loss of about 200 jobs in New Mexico, according to railroad union officials. Santa Fe is expected to eliminate 7,900 jobs nationwide in the reorganization. Santa Fe currently employs about 2,000 workers in New Mexico. New Mexico is currently experiencing very slow overall employment growth, and this is expected to continue at least through 1988, according to recent projections by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of New Mexico. Job declines are expected to persist in the state's mining sector, along with only minor job expansion in most other areas of New Mexico's economy.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: The recent purchase of the Sperry Aerospace Group, which includes the Albuquerque plant, by Honeywell, Inc. is not expected to have any negative impacts on the Albuquerque operation, according to a Honeywell

official. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in late November for the 131-acre Albuquerque International Business Park located west of the city airport. The facility is being developed by The Moore Organization and Crossroads Developers Inc. Officials expect the first building sites to be available within six months, and the project will be under development over a three-to four-year period. The new Veterans Administration Hospital has opened; 330 additional jobs will be phased in at the hospital over the next three years. A new Smith's Food and Drug Center has opened at Lomas and San Pedro and employs about 75 people. Santa Fe Railway has begun construction on a \$2 million automobile unloading center on 23 acres near South Second Street and Woodward Road; the facility is expected to be operational by March 1987, creating 20 new jobs. Four Hills 12, a \$3.5 million, 12-screen, 2,800 seat movie theatre complex, is now under construction at Four Hills Village Shopping Center near Tramway and

Central; the facility will create about 40 new jobs and should be open by April 1987. A new \$2.6 million, 32,000-square-foot computer science building is under construction at the Montoya Campus of Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute; completion is expected in August 1987. Construction has begun on the \$1.7 million, 20,000-square-foot Carlisle Office Park near Carlisle and Candelaria. Walgreen has opened its newest New Mexico store on Southern Boulevard in Rio Rancho; the store employs about 30 people. Construction has begun on a new \$2.9 million elementary school in Rio Rancho; completion is expected in time for the fall 1987 school term. Ground has been broken for construction of First National Bank of Belen's new \$5 million, four-story, 45,000-square-foot office building in downtown Belen; completion is expected sometime in 1988. Plans are moving forward on Belen's proposed Sun Zia Plaza Shopping Center; the proposal is for a \$5 million, 227,000-square-foot center with more than 30 tenants which would create about 200 jobs. Construction is expected to begin by next spring. A Northern Italian-style restaurant is scheduled to open at the corner of Tramway and Indian School Rd. next spring. The eatery will be named Ciao! and will contain 8,500 square feet plus outdoor patios and seat approximately 450. Albuquerque has been named the site of the 1987 Miss USA pageant, to be held this February in Tingley Coliseum. Officials estimate that the event will bring more than \$2 million into the city's economy. The archdiocese of Santa Fe plans to build a new 1,600-seat gymnasium and a new classroom structure on the former University of Albuquerque campus, in preparation for the move of St. Pius X High School there in the fall of 1988. Royal Building Inc., a Hobbs metal building manufacturer, is planning to open a branch plant in Moriarty which is expected to employ approximately 10 workers.

ALAMOGORDO AREA: Officials have broken ground for the new Sierra Blanca Regional Airport located 12 miles north of Ruidoso. The 160-acre airport is expected to be ready for use by November of next year.

The White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) phone system will undergo a \$6.4 million upgrade over the next year, involving new equipment and construction. T-CAS, Inc. of Vienna, VA and Bourgon Construction of El Paso will be responsible for construction on the project, and Northern Telcom, Inc. will provide the digital equipment for the upgrade. Kiewit Western of Littleton, Colorado was awarded a \$3.1 million contract for construction of an all-weather road linking Highway 24 and Sunspot. United New Mexico Bank broke ground for its new \$2 million facility in Alamogordo. Safeway opened a large new food store in Ruidoso in November.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Two area potash mines have announced temporary shutdowns. Lundberg Industries has scheduled an eight-week closing beginning November 23, and International Minerals & Chemical Corp. (IMC) has scheduled a three-week shutdown of its potash mining facility beginning December 14.

FARMINGTON AREA: Plans are well underway for a new \$3.2 million, 41,000-square-foot Farmington post office to replace the currently leased downtown facility; construction is expected to begin early in 1987 and take nearly a year to complete. More than \$4 million worth of school addition and remodeling projects should soon be underway in several locations in the Kirtland Central School District. Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) is negotiating with a undisclosed Maine firm to locate a potato-processing plant south of Farmington that could employ up to 300 workers. The plant could be operational sometime next year processing potatoes grown on NAPI's 48,000 acres of irrigated farm land.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Kachina Packing, a Gallup meat-packing business, expects to be able to hire 25-30 new employees in 1987 as a result of a 10-acre expansion of their facility. Financing is now in place for development and construction of a new \$2.7 million, 37,000-square-foot Crownpoint Shopping Center.

LAS CRUCES AREA: The area pecan harvest was underway in early November with about 14,000 acres of pecan trees in Dona Ana County in production this year. The new 207-room Hilton Hotel in Las Cruces hired approximately 200 employees for its opening in November. A Montana-based firm, United Tote Inc., has taken over operations of the Sunland Park horse racing facility in southern Dona Ana County. Sunland Park opened for its 28th season on October 11. Wooten Construction of Las Cruces was awarded a \$9 million contract to build three new schools in the Sunland Park area.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Coca Cola will be the first tenant in the Dee Bibb Industrial Park; the firm expects to open a distribution center in the park sometime in December.

SANTA FE AREA: Federal Express has announced it will build a 17,000-square-foot regional processing facility in the Joseph Valdes Industrial Park; the facility should be in operation by mid-1987, creating 44 new jobs. A building permit valued at \$1.68 million has been issued for an ambulatory surgical center addition to St. Vincent Hospital. The main construction is now completed on the \$8.3 million Ponce de Leon retirement center on Alta Vista St. in Santa Fe, and the facility should be ready for occupancy in December. The center is expected to employ about 30 workers when operating at capacity.

SILVER CITY AREA: Wonder World, a new discount department store in Silver City, opened for business in November with approximately 50 workers. The U.S. Forest Service is proposing the location of a 160-acre seed orchard near Fort Bayard Medical Center. The orchard would be the only one of its kind in the western region of the U.S. The Hidalgo Medical Complex was recently dedicated in Lordsburg. The facility will be managed by the Gila Regional Medical Center in Silver City. Tatsch Construction of Silver City is adding a new \$2.7 million wing to Mimbres Memorial Hospital.

SOCORRO / T or C AREA: Stagewest Inc. held ground breaking ceremonies for its Butterfield Flats project, a western town located near Elephant Butte which will be used for movie making and as a tourist attraction. Ground has been broken for construction of the new \$6 million New Mexico Fire Training Academy on the campus of New Mexico Tech in Socorro; the facility should be operational by May 1988. Construction has begun on Socorro's new \$4.6 million Sarracino Middle School. A new Arby's restaurant will soon open in Socorro.

TAOS AREA: Molycorp has announced the suspension of all operations at its Questa mine and mill; as a result, 130 more employees have been laid off, leaving only 15 supervisors still employed there. At one time, the operation employed about 900 people.

Additional Information on State Government Employment

Number of Classified State Govt. Workers

October 1986	14,982
September 1986	14,902
October 1985	15,106

These figures include classified employees working for classified agencies of the executive branch of state government. This information is furnished by the New Mexico State Personnel Office.

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX October 1986

CPI-U - 330.5
CPI-W - 325.0

(Base Year 1967 = 100)

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical
Workers

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 1986

REVISED SEPTEMBER 1986

REVISED OCTOBER 1985

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	682,451	622,304	60,147	8.8%	676,758	615,909	60,849	9.0%	656,650	600,938	55,712	8.5%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	259,823	242,712	17,111	6.6%	255,068	238,549	16,519	6.5%	245,345	229,148	16,197	6.6%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	57,418	53,540	3,878	6.8%	56,009	51,780	4,229	7.6%	51,858	47,576	4,282	8.3%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	62,721	59,425	3,296	5.3%	62,855	59,620	3,235	5.1%	59,955	56,859	3,096	5.2%
Catron	1,176	1,035	141	12.0%	1,254	1,133	121	9.6%	1,002	854	148	14.8%
Chaves	23,638	21,594	2,044	8.6%	23,440	21,330	2,110	9.0%	23,620	21,847	1,773	7.5%
Cibola	8,569	7,190	1,379	16.1%	8,617	7,113	1,504	17.5%	8,639	6,726	1,913	22.1%
Cofax	6,780	5,941	839	12.4%	7,012	6,203	809	11.5%	6,808	6,037	771	11.3%
Curry	18,245	16,893	1,352	7.4%	17,709	16,314	1,395	7.9%	16,743	15,535	1,208	7.2%
De Baca	1,051	937	114	10.8%	1,031	926	105	10.2%	994	877	117	11.8%
Eddy	22,553	19,739	2,814	12.5%	22,616	19,424	3,192	14.1%	22,186	19,629	2,557	11.5%
Grant	10,078	9,054	1,024	10.2%	9,920	8,822	1,098	11.1%	9,789	8,514	1,275	13.0%
Guadalupe	1,724	1,502	222	12.9%	1,757	1,558	199	11.3%	1,656	1,448	208	12.6%
Harding	529	479	50	9.5%	526	481	45	8.6%	528	484	44	8.3%
Hidalgo	2,455	2,281	174	7.1%	2,447	2,283	164	6.7%	2,415	2,219	196	8.1%
Lea	25,282	21,797	3,485	13.8%	25,659	21,789	3,870	15.1%	26,662	25,039	1,623	6.1%
Lincoln	7,296	6,729	567	7.8%	8,297	7,768	529	6.4%	7,573	7,054	519	6.9%
Luna	6,095	5,322	773	12.7%	6,109	5,355	754	12.3%	6,064	5,268	796	13.1%
McKinley	17,144	14,880	2,264	13.2%	17,222	14,919	2,303	13.4%	17,516	15,082	2,434	13.9%
Mora	1,376	934	442	32.1%	1,357	927	430	31.7%	1,506	1,108	398	26.4%
Otero	17,895	16,632	1,263	7.1%	17,781	16,523	1,258	7.1%	17,051	15,549	1,502	8.8%
Quay	4,606	4,220	386	8.4%	4,698	4,288	410	8.7%	4,689	4,247	442	9.4%
Rio Arriba	12,830	10,566	2,264	17.6%	12,979	10,655	2,324	17.6%	13,564	11,455	2,109	15.5%
Roosevelt	7,932	7,568	364	4.6%	7,687	7,304	383	5.0%	7,522	7,137	385	5.1%
Sandoval	22,749	20,606	2,143	9.4%	22,649	20,633	2,016	8.9%	21,564	19,812	1,752	8.1%
San Juan	34,483	29,251	5,232	15.2%	34,892	29,151	5,741	16.5%	34,194	30,085	4,109	12.0%
San Miguel	10,214	9,022	1,192	11.7%	9,817	8,631	1,186	12.1%	10,157	8,880	1,277	12.6%
Sierra	2,536	2,343	193	7.6%	2,487	2,329	158	6.4%	2,328	2,109	219	9.4%
Socorro	5,888	5,309	579	9.8%	5,759	5,226	533	9.3%	5,479	5,002	477	8.7%
Taos	9,601	7,125	2,476	25.8%	9,490	7,279	2,211	23.3%	10,503	8,634	1,869	17.8%
Torrance	3,227	2,876	351	10.9%	3,153	2,819	334	10.6%	3,446	3,067	379	11.0%
Union	2,165	2,017	148	6.8%	2,154	2,002	152	7.1%	2,180	2,074	106	4.9%
Valencia	14,372	12,785	1,587	11.0%	14,357	12,775	1,582	11.0%	13,114	11,583	1,531	11.7%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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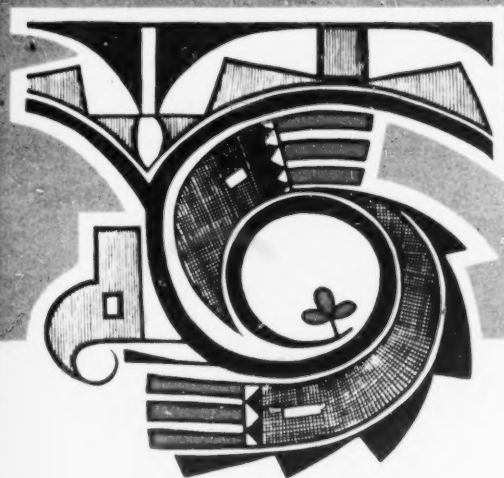
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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate rose from 9.0 to 9.2 percent in November 1986, pushed upward largely by seasonal related layoffs in construction, manufacturing, trade, and services. The number of unemployed in November, at 62,000, was 800 more than in October and 5,600 larger than one year ago. Nationally, the unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) in November was 6.6 percent, unchanged from October but slightly lower than the 6.7 percent rate in November 1985.

November nonagricultural wage and salary job estimates for New Mexico, based on a monthly sample of employer payrolls, indicated hiring in retail trade and transportation as firms began staffing up for the holiday season. Employment decreases ranging from 100 to 500 were reported in food processing, construction, eating & drinking places, and at lodging facilities, all fairly normal changes for November.

Unfortunately, job losses not related to seasonal trends also occurred in November. Employment in oil & gas extraction, after posting a small increase in October, again declined during November, adding to the substantial job losses shown by the sector since early 1986. Also, communications and utilities lost approximately 200 jobs in November, following the receding employment trend shown by that industry over the last year.

"Mixed" definitely describes the performance of New Mexico's economy over the last year. Moderate job growth in the range of two to four percent was posted by trade, services, and finance & real estate; however, unparalleled job losses have occurred in oil & gas extraction, along with smaller reductions in other areas of mining, and in construction and communications & utilities.

NOVEMBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	675,500	682,000	653,700	-6,500	+21,800
Employment	613,500	620,800	597,300	-7,300	+16,200
Unemployment	62,000	61,200	56,400	+ 800	+5,600
Rate	9.2%	9.0%	8.6%		

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

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NEW MEXICO	PRELIM NOV 1986	REVISED OCT 1986	REVISED NOV 1985	NOV CHANGE FROM OCT 1986	NOV 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	525,800	525,600	526,000	200	-200
MINING	14,700	14,800	20,200	-100	-5,500
Metal Mining	2,200	2,200	2,900	0	-700
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,600	3,600	3,900	0	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,900	9,000	13,400	-100	-4,500
CONSTRUCTION	36,300	36,700	37,100	-400	-800
MANUFACTURING	38,000	38,600	37,700	-600	300
DURABLE GOODS	24,400	24,500	24,600	-100	-200
Lumber & Wood Products	2,700	2,800	2,600	-100	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,400	2,400	2,700	0	-300
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,900	6,900	6,600	0	300
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	-200
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,300	8,400	0	-100
NONDURABLE GOODS	13,600	14,100	13,100	-500	500
Food & Kindred Products	4,900	5,400	4,200	-500	700
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,300	6,500	0	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	27,800	28,000	29,800	-200	-2,000
TRANSPORTATION	12,800	12,800	13,200	0	-400
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	6,100	6,000	6,200	100	-100
Other Transportation	4,400	4,500	4,700	-100	-300
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,000	15,200	16,600	-200	-1,600
Communication	6,400	6,500	7,100	-100	-700
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	8,600	8,700	9,500	-100	-900
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	130,800	129,400	127,600	1,400	3,200
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,800	22,800	23,200	0	-400
Durable Goods	13,600	13,700	13,600	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,100	9,600	100	-400
RETAIL TRADE	108,000	106,600	104,400	1,400	3,600
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,800	4,900	4,600	-100	200
General Merchandise Stores	13,800	13,300	12,700	500	1,100
Food Stores	16,700	16,200	15,600	500	1,100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,200	13,200	13,000	0	200
Apparel & Accessories	6,000	5,600	6,200	400	-200
Furniture & Furnishing	4,600	4,500	4,500	100	100
Eating & Drinking Places	36,800	37,100	35,800	-300	1,000
Miscellaneous Retail	12,100	11,800	12,000	300	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,600	26,500	25,500	100	1,100
Banking	8,100	8,100	8,100	0	0
Insurance Carriers	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,900	2,700	0	200
Real Estate	6,500	6,500	6,200	0	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,700	5,600	5,200	100	500
SERVICES	115,800	116,200	113,500	-400	2,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,500	12,600	11,200	-100	1,300
Personal Services	5,700	5,800	5,800	-100	-100
Business Services	27,100	27,400	26,500	-300	600
Health Services	27,600	27,500	27,400	100	200
Legal Services	4,100	4,100	3,800	0	300
Educational Services	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	-200
Social Services	7,700	7,700	7,300	0	400
Membership Organizations	5,400	5,400	6,000	0	-600
Other Services	21,800	21,800	21,400	0	400
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	135,800	135,400	134,600	400	1,200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	28,600	29,200	28,900	-600	-300
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	107,200	106,200	105,700	1,000	1,500
State Government 2/	48,900	48,600	48,300	300	600
Local Government	58,300	57,600	57,400	700	900

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

HIGHLIGHTS

Unemployment in the Albuquerque area dipped just slightly in November, according to preliminary labor force estimates. The number of unemployed individuals fell by 200 over the month, and the unemployment rate edged downward to 6.6% to equal the rate recorded in November 1985.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment registered an advance of 800 jobs from October to November. Notable gains occurred in retail trade and government. Retail trade rose despite a seasonal drop of 200 jobs in eating and drinking places, as general merchandise, apparel, and miscellaneous retail stores scored solid gains. The additions to government payrolls were found almost entirely in the educational sector. Small job losses in several industrial sectors added up to an over-the-month employment drop of 500 in services. The 200-job

reduction in manufacturing was a seasonal event concentrated in food processing.

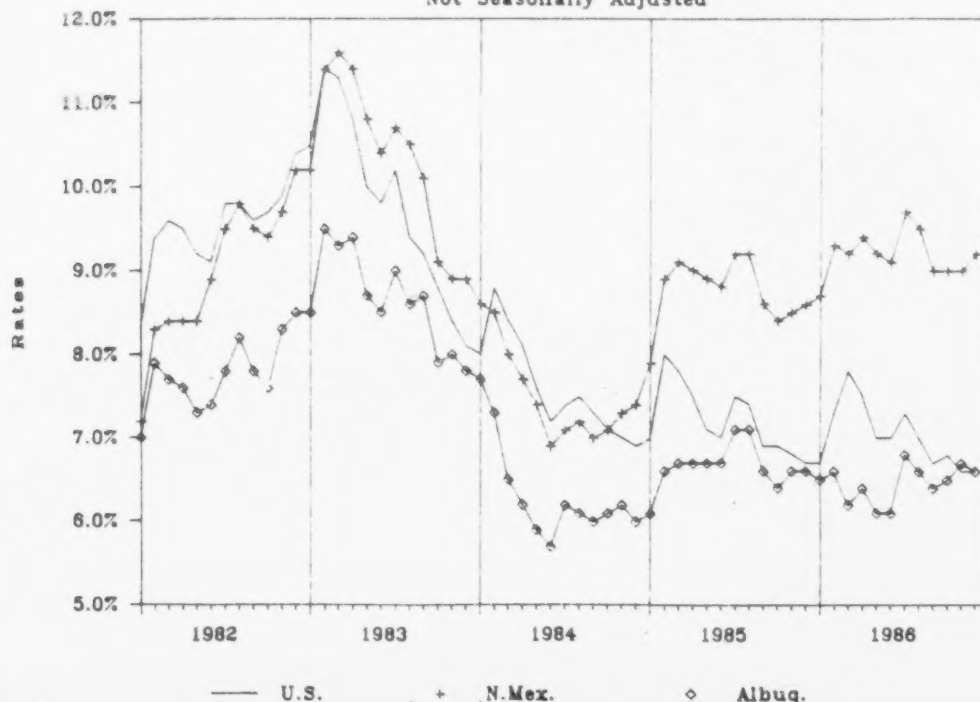
Over the past twelve months, the situation in Albuquerque is in sharp contrast to the Statewide situation, since Albuquerque has been virtually unscathed by the massive declines in mining employment occurring elsewhere in the state. In Albuquerque, 4,400 nonagricultural payroll jobs have been added since November 1985, which represents a growth of two percent. Construction is the only industrial division to experience a significant over-the-year decrease in jobs, as there are now 800 fewer construction jobs in the area than there were a year ago. There has been a very minor decrease in mining employment, manufacturing has held steady, and all other divisions have registered small to modest employment gains.

NOVEMBER SUMMARY

	Prel. Nov. 1986	Revised Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Change From Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	257,800	259,500	244,300	-1,700	+13,500
Employment	240,700	242,200	228,100	-1,500	+12,600
Unemployment	17,100	17,300	16,200	- 200	+ 900
Rate	6.6%	6.7%	6.6%		

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM NOV 1986	REVISED SEP 1986	REVISED NOV 1985	NOV CHANGE FROM OCT 1986	NOV 1985

TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	228,100	227,300	223,700	800	4,400
MINING	200	300	300	-100	-100
CONSTRUCTION	18,000	18,100	18,800	-100	-800
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,600	19,400	-200	0
Durable Goods	13,900	13,900	13,700	0	200
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,700	5,700	-200	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,300	12,300	12,200	0	100
Transportation	6,100	6,100	5,700	0	400
Communication	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	-200
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,900	58,300	57,800	600	1,100
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,100	14,100	14,300	0	-200
Durable Goods	9,500	9,500	9,500	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,600	4,800	0	-200
RETAIL TRADE	44,800	44,200	43,500	600	1,300
General Merchandise Stores	5,400	5,100	5,000	300	400
Food Stores	5,200	5,200	5,000	0	200
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	16,200	16,400	15,700	-200	500
Other Retail Trade	13,200	12,700	13,000	500	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,900	13,800	13,500	100	400
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	4,000	3,900	3,800	100	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,700	6,700	6,500	0	200
SERVICES	58,500	59,000	57,700	-500	800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,800	3,900	3,500	-100	300
Personal Services	3,000	3,100	3,100	-100	-100
Business Services	18,700	18,900	18,700	-200	0
Health Services	13,400	13,500	13,200	-100	200
Social Services	2,900	2,800	2,800	100	100
Membership Organizations	1,500	1,600	1,700	-100	-200
Other Services	15,200	15,200	14,700	0	500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	46,900	45,900	44,000	1,000	2,900
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,700	12,900	12,200	-200	500
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	34,200	33,000	31,800	1,200	2,400
State Government	14,700	13,900	13,200	800	1,500
Local Government	19,500	19,100	18,600	400	900

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	NOV CHANGE FROM	
	NOV 1986	OCT 1986	NOV 1985	OCT 1986	NOV 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	40,800	40,650	37,850	150	2,950
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,800	2,800	2,500	0	300
MANUFACTURING	3,150	3,600	3,100	-450	50
Durable Goods	1,250	1,300	1,200	-50	50
Nondurable Goods	1,900	2,300	1,900	-400	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Transportation	650	650	600	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	800	0	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,500	8,300	7,850	200	650
WHOLESALE TRADE	850	800	850	50	0
RETAIL TRADE	7,650	7,500	7,000	150	650
General Merchandise Stores	1,050	950	950	100	100
Food Stores	1,100	1,100	950	0	150
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,200	3,200	2,900	0	300
Other Retail Trade	1,500	1,450	1,400	50	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,650	1,550	0	100
SERVICES	6,000	5,800	5,450	200	550
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	900	700	600	200	300
Business Services	1,000	1,000	900	0	100
Health Services	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Social Services	300	300	350	0	-50
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	17,200	17,000	16,000	200	1,200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	12,500	12,300	11,300	200	1,200
State Government	7,400	7,300	6,200	100	1,200
Local Government	5,100	5,000	5,100	100	0

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	NOV CHANGE FROM	
	NOV 1986	OCT 1986	NOV 1985	OCT 1986	NOV 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	51,000	50,950	50,750	50	250
MINING	100	100	150	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0
MANUFACTURING	1,500	1,550	1,650	-50	-150
Durable Goods	900	950	950	-50	-50
Nondurable Goods	600	600	700	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Transportation	400	400	350	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	700	700	750	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,250	10,050	9,900	200	350
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,550	9,350	9,200	200	350
General Merchandise Stores	1,050	950	1,050	100	0
Food Stores	1,500	1,400	1,250	100	250
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	900	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,600	3,600	3,400	0	200
Other Retail Trade	2,550	2,550	2,600	0	-50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,100	2,050	2,000	50	100
SERVICES	12,550	12,800	12,050	-250	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,900	1,950	1,500	-50	400
Business Services	2,900	3,000	2,900	-100	0
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	4,600	4,700	4,500	-100	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	19,900	19,800	20,400	100	-500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18,400	18,300	18,800	100	-400
State Government 4/	15,100	15,000	15,100	100	0
Local Government	3,300	3,300	3,700	0	-400

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.

4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS									
Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)									
	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	NOV 1986	OCT 1986	NOV 1985	NOV 1986	OCT 1986	NOV 1985	NOV 1986	OCT 1986	NOV 1985
MINING	\$497.71	\$498.48	\$507.03	40.3	40.2	42.5	12.35	12.40	11.93
CONSTRUCTION	\$395.16	\$392.94	\$374.17	37.0	37.0	35.1	10.68	10.62	10.66
MANUFACTURING	\$339.30	\$357.46	\$342.55	39.0	40.3	40.3	8.70	8.87	8.50
Durable Goods	\$338.12	\$362.71	\$344.92	39.5	40.8	40.2	8.56	8.89	8.58
Nondurable Goods	\$342.00	\$347.51	\$335.72	38.0	39.4	40.4	9.00	8.82	8.31
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	\$539.67	\$542.69	\$485.78	41.9	42.2	42.8	12.88	12.86	11.35
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	\$214.83	\$216.46	\$211.23	32.6	32.6	32.8	6.59	6.64	6.44
Wholesale Trade	\$358.90	\$364.34	\$351.94	40.1	40.8	41.6	8.95	8.93	8.46
Retail Trade	\$187.24	\$187.25	\$183.80	31.0	31.0	31.1	6.04	6.06	5.91
BANKING	\$241.35	\$225.42	\$224.40	40.7	38.6	39.3	5.93	5.84	5.71
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	NOV 1986	OCT 1986	NOV 1985	NOV 1986	OCT 1986	NOV 1985	NOV 1986	OCT 1986	NOV 1985
MANUFACTURING	\$349.44	\$363.04	\$336.80	39.8	40.7	39.3	8.78	8.92	8.57
Durable Goods	\$351.75	\$374.59	\$351.65	40.2	41.3	39.6	8.75	9.07	8.88
Nondurable Goods	\$340.99	\$329.94	\$297.99	38.4	39.0	38.6	8.88	8.46	7.72
NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.									

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: The U.S. Defense Department still expects to make the final decision on location of the Strategic Defense Initiative laser project by January. Three New Mexico sites, all on the White Sands Missile Range, are under consideration for the project. The project is expected to employ between 500 and 2,000 construction workers and have a 250 operational work force. The Pacific Texas Pipeline Company has received final approval from the California Coastal Commission to build and operate a \$1.66 billion crude oil pipeline that will extend 1,030 miles from Los Angeles Harbor to Midland, Texas, passing through the southern portion of New Mexico. Company officials said work will begin immediately in California, and the entire pipeline should be completed by late 1987.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Building contracts in Bernalillo County for the first 10 months of 1986 totaled just under \$500 million, a drop of 15 percent from the \$587 million

recorded during the first 10 months of 1985; non-residential contracts bore the brunt of the decline. A March opening date is anticipated for The Outlook, a \$1.4 million restaurant-nightclub-piano bar project to be located on the top floor of Metro Uptown Plaza; the new business should employ about 100 workers, including about 30 cooks. Hardee's has opened a new restaurant, employing about 50 workers, near Fourth and Delamar, N.W. J.C. Penney plans to close its store in Hiland Shopping Center about the end of January; the store currently employs 24 workers, most of whom will be absorbed by other Penney facilities in this area. Construction of Desert Surf, New Mexico's first water park, is expected to begin shortly in the Renaissance Center near I-25 and Montano Road; the 15-acre park should be open by the end of May. The Albuquerque Board of Education has approved the sale of the 12-acre Monroe School site near Winrock Center to

Bellamah Community Development, which plans to build two high-rise office towers, a hotel, and a shopping mall on the property; no date has been set for construction to begin. Holiday Inn's Pyramid Plaza hotel has opened near I-25 and Paseo del Norte, employing 300 workers. The owners of Montgomery Plaza Mall are planning a \$31 million renovation-expansion project which will probably mean more than 400 new jobs at the shopping center; the mall's present 279,000-square-foot will be expanded to nearly 400,000-square-foot, and the present 28 tenants will increase to more than 50. The project is expected to begin early in 1987.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: K. Barnett and Sons Inc. was awarded a \$1.2 million contract to construct a two mile section of thoroughfare in north Alamogordo. Ski Apache near Ruidoso opened for the 1986/87 season in late November with about 250 employees. Early indications are that this winter will be a banner season for the state's ski industry. Sears, Roebuck and Co. opened its new 19,000-square-foot retail/catalog store in Alamogordo on November 24.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Textonic Construction Co. of Englewood, CO has received a \$2.3 million contract from the City of Carlsbad for widening of the North Canal Street bridge over the Pecos River and other street work in Carlsbad. Lundberg Industries closed its area potash mine for eight weeks beginning November 22 in order to reduce inventories. The closure affected approximately 400 workers at the Lundberg facility. International Minerals and Chemical Corp. (IMC) also shut down its potash mine for a three-week period beginning December 14 for the same reason as Lundberg. IMC employs 575 people, and officials said the shutdown will affect about 80 percent of the workforce at the mine. Construction on Brantley Dam is progressing according to plan, with the concrete work scheduled for completion this March. Earth work on the dam should be completed by mid-1988. Monterey Construction Company, the general

contractor for Brantley, currently employs about 400 workers on the project.

FARMINGTON AREA: Utah International has put about 900 employees on vacation status at their three area coal mines, in order to bring coal inventories into line with demand by the San Juan Generating Station and the Four Corners Power Plant; operations are scheduled to resume on January 5. Another temporary shutdown is planned for March. Albuquerque-based American Furniture Company plans a February 7 opening for their new American Home Furnishings store in Farmington's American Plaza; the store will employ from 50 to 75 people.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: A \$5 million remodeling project is underway at Gallup's Holiday Inn; the project includes construction of a 25,000-square-foot convention center, 44 new guest rooms, and several other renovations and should be completed by June 1987. Bagdad Plastics in Grants has recently returned to a 24-hour, 7-day work schedule as a result of a significant increase in orders, especially from South America and the Caribbean area. An agreement has been reached pertaining to cleanup of Anaconda Mining Company's abandoned Jackpile-Paugate uranium mine at Laguna; the 10-year project should cost about \$43 million and employ 81 Laguna residents and eight others. An \$83,000 In-Plant Training grant has been approved for Alternative Bedding Corporation to train 56 workers in various skills necessary in its Grants manufacturing plant. The firm also has plans to open a retail store in Grants. The State Economic Development and Tourism Board has approved a \$200,000 loan to the City of Grants to help pay for the development of an industrial park.

HOBBS AREA: By January, the City of Hobbs is scheduled to advertise for bid on an estimated \$2.7 million project to extend Navajo Road in Hobbs. El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG) has closed its Gas Plant No. 4 in the Jal area and is analyzing the operations of Plant No. 3 south of Eunice. EPNG employment in the area has been

reduced by 60, with reductions in all departments.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Hughes Aircraft is scheduled to open its \$3 million, 25,000-square-foot radar repair facility in Las Cruces by mid-January. The facility, which will repair radar components on the New Mexico National Guard's Roland Missile system, will employ about 40 workers with a payroll of approximately \$1 million annually. The Hughes facility is located in the Entrada del Sol Industrial Park in Las Cruces. United New Mexico Bank at Las Cruces recently opened a new branch facility in the Skaggs Alpha Beta Supermarket on Wyatt Dr. in Las Cruces. Work is complete on the Village Plaza, a \$250,000 shopping center in Las Cruces. Foamex Products, Inc. was awarded a \$125,000 grant from the state In-Plant Training Committee to train 50 workers for its proposed Santa Teresa polyurethane products plant. Foamex officials said the firm will spend \$6.1 million in the plant's first phase, which will include land acquisition, construction, and equipment purchases.

RATON AREA: Kaiser Coal Company laid off 190 workers from its underground Cimarron Mine for the month of December because of

excessive coal inventories; operations are scheduled to resume about January 5. Construction is expected to begin about April 1 on a new jail to serve both Colfax and Union Counties; the new facility should create 5 to 10 new jobs, in addition to those currently employed at the Colfax County jail.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corporation laid off approximately 60 workers in late November. Mealmakers Inc., the food processing firm which opened its Roswell plant in October, currently is employing 75 people in its operations. Within two years, officials expect the Roswell Mealmakers' plant to employ up to 450 workers producing both frozen and canned vegetables grown locally. Work has begun by Taylor-Faust Construction Co. on a \$341,000 health clinic in Dexter.

SOCORRO / T or C AREA: A Las Vegas, Nev.-based mining firm, Smith Mining Co. Inc., plans to break ground south of T or C in late February for a \$1.5 million mill capable of processing 2,000 tons per day of ore in pursuit of gold and silver. Smith Mining officials said the mill will take about five months to complete and

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

	<u>November 1986</u>	<u>October 1986</u>	<u>November 1985</u>
CPI-U	330.8	330.5	326.6
CPI-W	325.4	325.0	322.6

Base Year 1967 = 100

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 1986

REVISED OCTOBER 1986

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	PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 1986			REVISED OCTOBER 1986			REVISED NOVEMBER 1985		
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force
STATEWIDE	675,471	613,504	61,967	9.2%	682,010	620,820	61,190	9.0%	653,694
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	257,784	240,728	17,056	6.6%	259,484	242,232	17,252	6.6%	244,353
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	58,099	54,216	3,883	6.7%	57,656	53,666	3,990	6.9%	53,069
SANTA FE MSA 4/	62,008	58,461	3,547	5.7%	62,682	59,344	3,338	5.3%	60,371
Catron	1,109	925	184	16.6%	1,168	1,024	144	12.3%	983
Chaves	23,300	21,103	2,197	9.4%	23,654	21,574	2,080	8.8%	23,109
Cibola	8,304	6,913	1,391	16.8%	8,405	7,012	1,393	16.6%	8,560
Colfax	6,671	5,733	938	14.1%	6,784	5,936	848	12.5%	6,691
Curry	17,930	16,477	1,453	8.1%	18,278	16,877	1,401	7.7%	16,474
De Baca	951	840	111	11.7%	1,054	936	118	11.2%	966
Eddy	22,041	19,213	2,828	12.8%	22,580	19,721	2,859	12.7%	21,896
Grant	9,949	8,878	1,071	10.8%	10,105	9,046	1,059	10.5%	9,570
Guadalupe	1,645	1,390	255	15.5%	1,722	1,500	222	12.9%	1,689
Harding	540	479	61	11.3%	538	479	59	11.0%	539
Hidalgo	2,336	2,197	139	6.0%	2,454	2,279	175	7.1%	2,359
Lea	24,887	21,368	3,519	14.1%	25,253	21,715	3,538	14.0%	26,132
Lincoln	7,120	6,516	604	8.5%	7,303	6,723	580	7.9%	7,386
Luna	5,861	4,955	906	15.5%	6,129	5,317	812	13.2%	5,805
McKinley	16,965	14,663	2,302	13.6%	17,228	14,886	2,342	13.6%	17,118
Mora	1,358	883	475	35.0%	1,376	933	443	32.2%	1,561
Otero	17,783	16,410	1,373	7.7%	17,931	16,617	1,314	7.3%	16,817
Quay	4,467	4,073	394	8.8%	4,623	4,216	407	8.8%	4,491
Rio Arriba	12,915	10,372	2,543	19.7%	12,854	10,556	2,298	17.9%	13,755
Roosevelt	7,905	7,466	439	5.6%	7,935	7,561	374	4.7%	7,443
Sandoval	22,242	20,255	1,987	8.9%	22,694	20,489	2,205	9.7%	21,921
San Juan	34,142	28,773	5,369	15.7%	34,568	29,224	5,344	15.5%	33,962
San Miguel	9,551	8,286	1,265	13.2%	9,738	8,531	1,207	12.4%	9,953
Sierra	2,559	2,331	228	8.9%	2,546	2,341	205	8.1%	2,262
Socorro	5,821	5,231	590	10.1%	5,884	5,304	580	9.9%	5,325
Taos	9,832	7,091	2,741	27.9%	9,609	7,119	2,490	25.9%	10,821
Torrance	3,173	2,787	386	12.2%	3,228	2,874	354	11.0%	3,358
Union	2,101	1,929	172	8.2%	2,171	2,015	156	7.2%	2,077
Valencia	14,122	12,562	1,560	11.0%	14,376	12,773	1,603	11.2%	12,878

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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should employ about 12 persons. Arizona's second largest electric utility, the Salt River Project, is expected to begin strip mining coal from 57 acres northwest of Quemado in January. The utility has been working on the coal project, to be called Fence Lake #1, over the last five years, acquiring land and leases and completing archaeological and environmental studies. The utility plans to initially employ 60 workers extracting coal which will be trucked to the Coronado electric generating station near St. John's, Arizona. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 1987 on the \$6 million, 60,000-square-foot building that will house the Center for Radio Astronomy Imaging (CRAI) on the campus of New Mexico Tech; the center will have more than 80 employees when operational. CRAI will be the operating headquarters for both the Very Large Array and the Very Long Baseline

Array radiotelescope systems; the first of the huge VLBA antennas is currently under construction near Pietown. Eleven new businesses have located in Socorro's Main Street Project renovation area during the project's first year of operation, thereby creating 34 new jobs.

TAOS AREA: The addition of new snowmaking equipment at area ski resorts enabled those resorts to open on or about Thanksgiving Day this year, providing additional employment for area residents. Mesa Air Shuttle of Albuquerque has announced plans for passenger flights to both Taos and Angel Fire during this ski season. Taos Forest Products has shut down and filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy; the company directly employed 35 people in its sawmill in addition to about 25 loggers employed by contractors.



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HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary estimates, New Mexico ended 1986 with an unemployment rate of 9.3 percent. New Mexico's jobless rate edged upward during the first half of 1986 as sizeable layoffs occurred in the mining industry, particularly in oil & gas. However, since July the State's unemployment rate has remained relatively static, varying only within the narrow range of 9.0 to 9.3 percent. Largely as a result of the deterioration in the mining industry along with weakness in construction and communications & utilities, 6,100 more New Mexicans were unemployed this December than at the end of 1985. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 6.3 percent in December, down from both 6.6 percent in November and 6.7 percent one year ago.

New Mexico industry employment estimates, based largely on a monthly sampling of employer payrolls, indicated contrasting changes among several sectors in December. Rather strong seasonal gains occurred during the month in both trade and

services. Trade employment grew by 2,500 over the month as retailers staffed up for the holiday buying season. The services industry also added a significant number of workers during December, mainly in amusements and lodging as the winter ski season got underway.

Contrasting with these gains, however, were losses in other industries in December. Employment in the mining industry suffered further damage during the month with layoffs by several major employers. Lundberg Industries closed its potash mine near Carlsbad for at least two months, resulting in the layoff of about 400 workers. Kaiser Coal Corporation furloughed 190 miners at the Cimarron mine near Raton. MolyCorp terminated the final 130 miners at its Questa molybdenum mine, suspending all operations at the facility which once employed 900 workers. Employment losses also occurred during December in construction and utilities, both continuations of longer term trends in those industries.

DECEMBER SUMMARY

	Prel. Dec. 1986	Revised		Change From	
		Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	676,200	677,700	652,600	-1,500	+23,600
Employment	613,400	615,200	595,900	-1,800	+17,500
Unemployment	62,800	62,500	56,700	+ 300	+6,100
Rate	9.3%	9.2%	8.7%		

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

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NEW MEXICO	PRELIM DEC 1986	REVISED NOV 1986	REVISED DEC 1985	DEC CHANGE FROM NOV 1986	DEC 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	528,400	527,100	527,100	1,300	1,300
MINING	14,000	14,600	20,000	-600	-6,000
Metal Mining	2,000	2,100	2,900	-100	-900
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,000	3,600	3,500	-600	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,000	8,900	13,600	100	-4,600
CONSTRUCTION	34,900	36,300	35,600	-1,400	-700
MANUFACTURING	37,800	37,900	37,500	-100	300
DURABLE GOODS	24,200	24,300	24,400	-100	-200
Lumber & Wood Products	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,400	2,400	2,700	0	-300
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,800	6,800	6,500	0	300
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	-200
Other Durable Goods	8,200	8,300	8,300	-100	-100
NONDURABLE GOODS	13,600	13,600	13,100	0	500
Food & Kindred Products	4,800	4,900	4,100	-100	700
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,400	6,300	6,600	100	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	27,900	28,000	29,900	-100	-2,000
TRANSPORTATION	12,900	12,900	13,300	0	-400
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	6,100	6,100	6,400	0	-300
Other Transportation	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,000	15,100	16,600	-100	-1,600
Communication	6,500	6,500	7,100	0	-600
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	8,500	8,600	9,500	-100	-1,000
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133,000	130,500	129,700	2,500	3,300
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,800	22,800	23,100	0	-300
Durable Goods	13,700	13,600	13,600	100	100
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,200	9,500	-100	-400
RETAIL TRADE	110,200	107,700	106,600	2,500	3,600
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,700	4,800	4,600	-100	100
General Merchandise Stores	14,700	13,900	13,300	800	1,400
Food Stores	16,500	16,300	15,800	200	700
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,100	13,100	13,000	0	100
Apparel & Accessories	6,800	6,100	7,000	700	-200
Furniture & Furnishing	4,600	4,500	4,600	100	0
Eating & Drinking Places	37,200	36,800	35,900	400	1,300
Miscellaneous Retail	12,600	12,200	12,400	400	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,700	26,600	25,600	100	1,100
Banking	8,100	8,100	8,100	0	0
Insurance Carriers	3,500	3,400	3,300	100	200
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,900	2,700	0	200
Real Estate	6,500	6,500	6,300	0	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,700	5,700	5,200	0	500
SERVICES	117,300	116,000	114,400	1,300	2,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,500	12,400	11,400	100	1,100
Personal Services	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Business Services	27,300	27,200	27,100	100	200
Health Services	27,900	27,700	27,500	200	400
Legal Services	4,100	4,100	3,800	0	300
Educational Services	4,000	3,900	4,100	100	-100
Social Services	7,700	7,700	7,200	0	500
Membership Organizations	5,300	5,400	5,800	-100	-500
Other Services	22,800	21,900	21,700	900	1,100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	136,800	137,200	134,400	-400	2,400
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	28,900	28,800	28,700	100	200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	107,900	108,400	105,700	-500	2,200
State Government 2/	49,200	49,800	48,100	-600	1,100
Local Government	58,700	58,600	57,600	100	1,100

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

The unemployment rate for the Albuquerque area fell to 6.4% in December from November's level of 6.6%, according to preliminary labor force estimates. The number of unemployed individuals declined by 400 over the month, which is a normal seasonal movement. A year ago, the unemployment rate stood at 6.5%

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Albuquerque increased by 400 jobs over the month, which is also in accordance with seasonal expectations. A greater-than-expected gain of 600 services jobs was offset by a greater-than-expected loss of 900 jobs in the government sector. A large portion of the new services jobs resulted from the opening of a major new hotel, while most of the government decline occurred at the university. As expected at this time of year, retail trade added 800 jobs between November and December as merchants added staff to handle increased holiday shopping activity. Several manufacturing industries each lost a small number of jobs over the month, resulting in

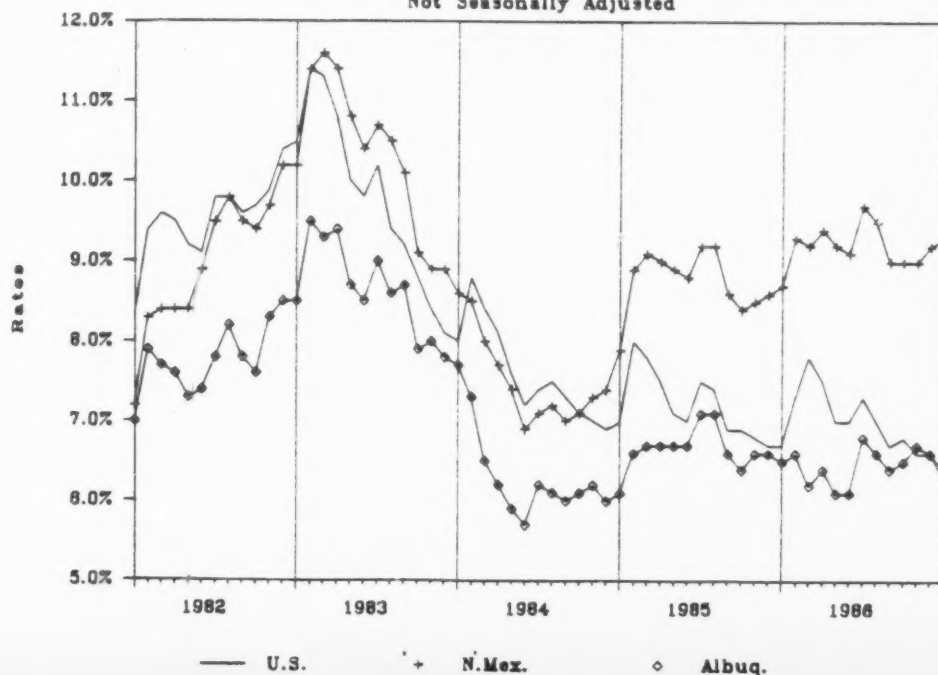
a drop of 100 for the manufacturing division as a whole.

Nonagricultural payroll jobs now stand 4,500 jobs higher than in December 1985, a modest gain of two percent over the year. Sizeable job increases have occurred at all levels of government as well as in general merchandise, eating & drinking places, hotels & lodging places, health services, and other services. Construction has been the big job loser over the past twelve months, and the special trades sector has borne the brunt of the decline; heavy construction actually has more workers now than one year ago. Layoffs by large firms involved in communications and electric and natural gas service caused a small over-the-year decline in transportation, communication, & public utilities. Total manufacturing employment has shown no growth at all over the last twelve months as an employment increase in electrical & electronic machinery was more than offset by job losses in the food, chemicals, and stone, clay, glass, & concrete industries.

	Prel. Dec. 1986	Revised Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Change From Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	260,100	258,300	245,800	+1,800	+14,300
Employment	243,400	241,200	229,900	+2,200	+13,500
Unemployment	16,700	17,100	15,900	- 400	+ 800
Rate	6.4%	6.6%	6.5%		

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM DEC 1986	REVISED OCT 1986	REVISED DEC 1985	DEC CHANGE FROM NOV 1986	DEC 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	229,100	228,700	224,600	400	4,500
MINING	300	200	300	100	0
CONSTRUCTION	17,800	18,000	18,400	-200	-600
MANUFACTURING	19,300	19,400	19,300	-100	0
Durable Goods	13,800	13,900	13,700	-100	100
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,300	12,300	12,400	0	-100
Transportation	6,100	6,100	5,900	0	200
Communication	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	-200
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	59,900	59,100	58,700	800	1,200
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,100	14,100	14,200	0	-100
Durable Goods	9,500	9,500	9,400	0	100
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,600	4,800	0	-200
RETAIL TRADE	45,800	45,000	44,500	800	1,300
General Merchandise Stores	5,900	5,400	5,200	500	700
Food Stores	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,700	4,800	4,800	-100	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	16,400	16,400	15,700	0	700
Other Retail Trade	13,600	13,200	13,700	400	-100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	14,000	13,900	13,500	100	500
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	4,000	4,000	3,800	0	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,800	6,700	6,500	100	300
SERVICES	59,500	58,900	58,100	600	1,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4,100	3,800	3,600	300	500
Personal Services	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Business Services	19,000	18,800	18,900	200	100
Health Services	13,600	13,600	13,200	0	400
Social Services	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	-100
Other Services	15,300	15,200	14,800	100	500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	46,000	46,900	43,900	-900	2,100
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,800	12,800	12,200	0	600
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	33,200	34,100	31,700	-900	1,500
State Government	13,700	14,600	13,000	-900	700
Local Government	19,500	19,500	18,700	0	800

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1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

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LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	DEC CHANGE FROM	
	DEC 1986	NOV 1986	DEC 1985	NOV 1986	DEC 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	41,150	40,800	38,150	350	3,000
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2,800	2,500	-100	200
MANUFACTURING	3,100	3,200	3,000	-100	100
Durable Goods	1,200	1,300	1,200	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,500	1,500	1,350	0	150
Transportation	650	650	550	0	100
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	800	0	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,600	8,450	8,250	150	350
WHOLESALE TRADE	850	850	850	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	7,750	7,600	7,400	150	350
General Merchandise Stores	1,100	1,000	1,050	100	50
Food Stores	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
Other Retail Trade	1,550	1,500	1,450	50	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,650	1,550	0	100
SERVICES	6,100	6,000	5,500	100	600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	900	900	600	0	300
Business Services	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Health Services	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Social Services	300	300	350	0	-50
Other Services	2,400	2,300	2,200	100	200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	17,500	17,200	16,000	300	1,500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	12,800	12,500	11,300	300	1,500
State Government	7,700	7,400	6,200	300	1,500
Local Government	5,100	5,100	5,100	0	0

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	DEC CHANGE FROM	
	DEC 1986	NOV 1986	DEC 1985	NOV 1986	DEC 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	51,100	51,050	51,050	50	50
MINING	100	100	150	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,300	3,500	3,400	-200	-100
MANUFACTURING	1,500	1,500	1,650	0	-150
Durable Goods	900	900	950	0	-50
Nondurable Goods	600	600	700	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,100	1,150	50	0
Transportation	450	400	400	50	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	700	700	750	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,450	10,200	10,050	250	400
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,750	9,500	9,350	250	400
General Merchandise Stores	1,100	1,000	1,150	100	-50
Food Stores	1,550	1,500	1,300	50	250
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	900	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,600	3,600	3,300	0	300
Other Retail Trade	2,650	2,550	2,700	100	-50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,050	2,100	2,000	-50	50
SERVICES	12,750	12,650	12,250	100	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,800	1,900	1,400	-100	400
Business Services	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Health Services	2,700	2,600	2,600	100	100
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	4,800	4,700	4,700	100	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	19,800	19,900	20,400	-100	-600
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18,400	18,500	18,900	-100	-500
State Government 4/	15,000	15,100	15,200	-100	-200
Local Government	3,400	3,400	3,700	0	-300

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.

4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)									
NEW MEXICO	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	DEC 1986	NOV 1986	DEC 1985	DEC 1986	NOV 1986	DEC 1985	DEC 1986	NOV 1986	DEC 1985
MINING	\$498.13	\$502.45	\$539.24	40.4	40.1	44.2	12.33	12.53	12.20
CONSTRUCTION	\$395.93	\$447.86	\$386.22	34.7	36.5	34.3	11.41	12.27	11.26
MANUFACTURING	\$346.58	\$346.42	\$363.66	40.3	39.5	41.8	8.60	8.77	8.70
Durable Goods	\$344.02	\$352.22	\$385.00	41.2	40.3	43.9	8.35	8.74	8.77
Nondurable Goods	\$353.19	\$334.15	\$316.68	38.6	37.8	37.3	9.15	8.84	8.49
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	\$524.83	\$567.51	\$481.53	42.6	42.1	42.5	12.32	13.48	11.33
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	\$211.20	\$211.55	\$218.78	32.0	32.2	32.8	6.60	6.57	6.67
Wholesale Trade	\$386.92	\$367.60	\$363.49	40.6	39.4	41.4	9.53	9.33	8.78
Retail Trade	\$178.75	\$181.72	\$191.26	30.4	30.8	31.2	5.88	5.90	6.13
BANKING	\$229.08	\$239.95	\$229.86	38.5	40.6	39.7	5.95	5.91	5.79
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	DEC 1986	NOV 1986	DEC 1985	DEC 1986	NOV 1986	DEC 1985	DEC 1986	NOV 1986	DEC 1985
MANUFACTURING	\$363.31	\$364.00	\$378.88	40.1	40.0	43.7	9.06	9.10	8.67
Durable Goods	\$369.95	\$376.18	\$415.67	40.3	40.8	46.6	9.18	9.22	8.92
Nondurable Goods	\$329.24	\$324.51	\$282.24	37.8	37.3	36.0	8.71	8.70	7.84
NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.									

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Percent Change	
				Nov.'86-Dec.'86	Dec.'85-Dec.'86
CPI-U	331.1	330.8	327.4	+0.1%	+1.1%
CPI-W	325.7	325.4	323.4	+0.1%	+0.7%

Index Base Year 1967 = 100

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

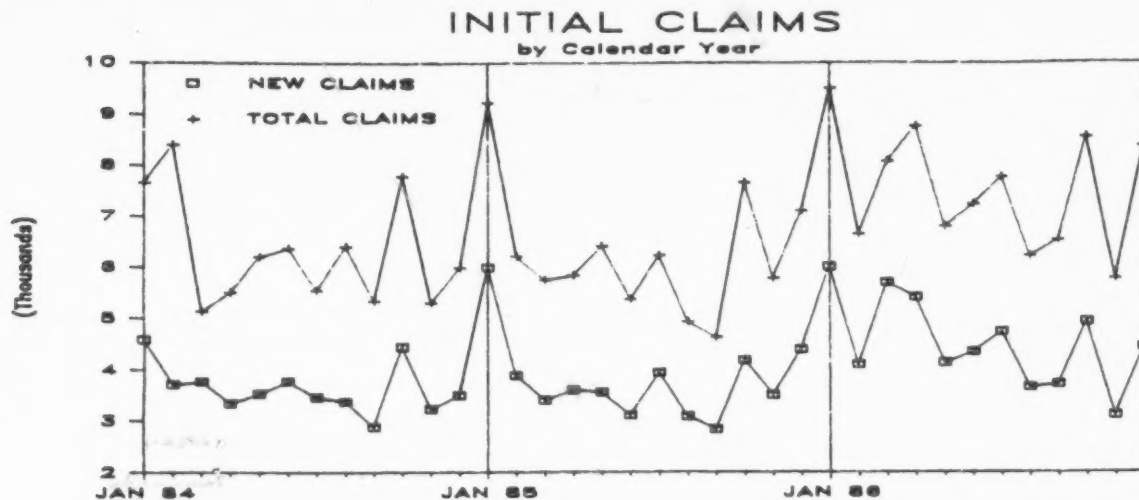
NEW PUBLICATION

Current Occupational Supply/Demand Summary - (published in January 1987). This report provides information on the current demand for and availability of workers in various job skills in New Mexico. It is divided into two sections--Areas, which contains data on occupational needs and surpluses in specific localities, and Statewide, which presents data for the state as a whole. The information is based on employment surveys, current and long-term job trend forecasts, and job orders listed and persons registering with the State Employment Service. While not comprehensive nor quantitative, it should offer some general indication of current job needs.

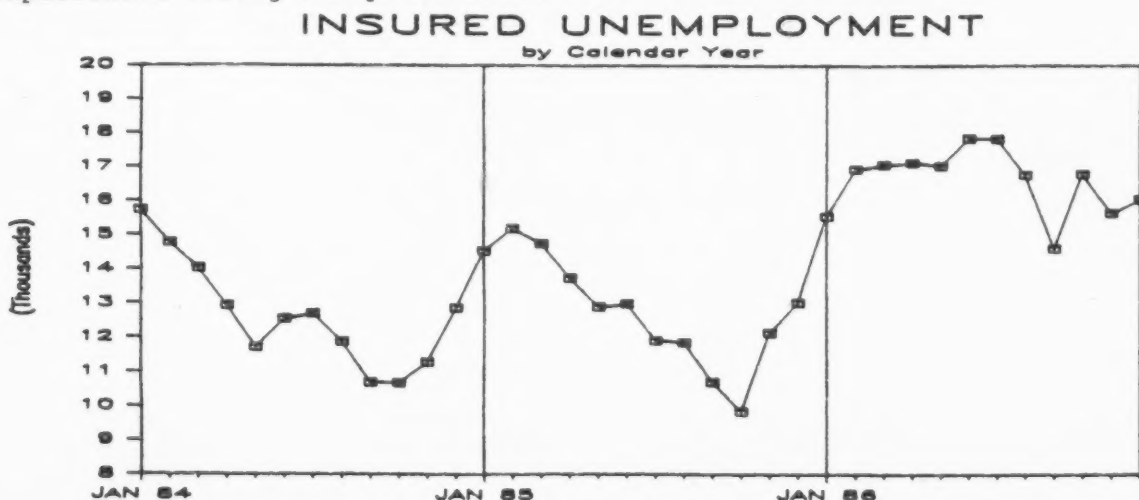
Copies of this publication can be obtained at no charge by writing to ER & A Bureau 6097, Employment Security Dept., P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, NM 87103, or by calling (505) 841-8639.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES - DECEMBER 1986

The number of workers filing a new claim for unemployment rose 42 percent in December, from levels experienced during the prior month, and by 1 percent from totals reported for December 1985. Statewide, almost all counties noted a rise in new unemployment with Bernalillo, Colfax, Dona Ana, Eddy, Sandoval, San Juan, and San Miguel counties reporting the greatest increase. Part of this rise reflects normal seasonal declines in the covered labor force as firms temporarily furlough workers in the Mining and Manufacturing industries.



The insured unemployment rate for the week ending December 13, 1986 was 3.39 percent, increasing slightly from the 3.31 percent experienced during November 1986, but significantly higher than the 2.83 percent reported for December 1985. During the month, there were 16,100 workers certifying for unemployment, up 2.5 percent from the November total of 15,700 and higher by 23.5 percent from the comparable period a year ago. Statewide, all counties reported higher insured unemployment from levels experienced during the prior month.



Benefit payments made under the State UI program totalled \$7.9 million during December, reflecting an increase of 36.2 percent from the November 1986 total of \$5.8 million, and higher by 43.6 percent from the December 1985 total of \$5.5 million. During the calendar year 1986, ESD paid \$86.7 million in benefit payments, an increase of 37 percent from the \$63.3 million paid during the same period a year ago. The average weekly benefit amount ended 1986 at \$121.41, up from \$113.09 reported for the twelve months ending December 1985.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: New Mexico was one of six states to receive a grant from the U. S. Department of Labor to assist dislocated workers in the mining industry. New Mexico received \$800,000 for training, job search, and relocation assistance for laid off oil & gas workers and molybdenum miners in Eddy, Chaves, Lea, San Juan, and Taos counties. The grant is authorized under Title III of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) and will be administered by the Training Division of the New Mexico Employment Security Department. Officials of Public Service Company of New Mexico recently disclosed that the company laid off approximately 450 workers in 1986. Most of the layoffs were in the Albuquerque area, where most of PNM's management positions are located. PNM officials said that the utility currently is in a surplus capacity situation with more electricity than is needed. The utility is looking at ways to enhance economic development in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: St. Joseph Hospital has laid off 50 workers and put 17 more on part-time status as a result of declining admissions. BDM Management Services Company has received a four-year, \$26 million contract to operate and maintain the Air Force Weapons Laboratory's electromagnetic pulse test facilities. Construction has begun on a \$15 million retail and professional-medical complex at Wyoming and San Antonio, N.E.; developed by Suncor Enterprises, Inc., the project will include the 60,000-square-foot Pheasant Hills Shopping Center and the 80,000-square-foot Wyoming Office Plaza. Three large commercial projects were recently announced for the area near Albuquerque International Airport: Albuquerque International Business Park is a 131-acre, \$20 million complex to be jointly developed by The Moore Organization and Crossroads Developers, Inc. near I-25 and Randolph Road; Cavan Sunport Center is a 41-acre, \$12.6 million project to be built at Yale and Gibson, S.E. which will include numerous offices and at least one lodging facility; and Craddock Development will

construct a 100-acre complex including two new office buildings and a warehouse near Yale and Renard, S.E.. The first two tenants have opened for business in the new Loretta Plaza shopping center near Louisiana and Menaul, N.E.: Chili's is a new, 6,000-square-foot, 200-seat restaurant employing 80 people; and Kurt's Camera Corral, relocated from Coronado Center, employs about six people in its 2,000-square-foot store. Geronimo's Cadillac, a new 329-seat restaurant occupying the site of the former Garcia's of Scottsdale on Uptown Boulevard, has opened for business in the remodeled facility and employs about 125 people. A new 137-room ClubHouse Inns hotel is now under construction at Menaul and I-25 in Albuquerque, and construction is expected to begin soon on a new 60-unit Super 8 Motel near I-25 in Belen; both facilities are expected to be completed by this summer. Bellamah Community Development has purchased 3,000 acres of land surrounding Paradise Hills and is planning to build nearly 2,200 single-family homes over the next several years; construction of the first 340 homes is expected to be underway by this spring. Smith's Food and Drug in Valencia has been remodeled and enlarged to a size of 50,000 square feet, making it the second largest Smith's store in the state; the store now employs 105 people. The City of Moriarty has received a \$250,000 loan from the Community Development Revolving Loan Fund to construct a 22,000-square-foot building at the new Moriarty Industrial Park; the City is currently negotiating with prospective tenants. The Sandoval County Commission has awarded a contract for construction of a 22,000-square-foot, \$1.9 million Sandoval County Justice Complex to be built south of the junction of NM44 and NM528.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: U.S. Army officials have indicated that the Orogrande site south of Alamogordo will be selected for the proposed Strategic Defense Command laser test facility. The Army was considering three White Sands

Missile Range sites - at Orogrande, one north of the NASA facility near Las Cruces, and one near Socorro. The project is expected to employ approximately 2,000 construction workers, and 250 technical and scientific personnel will operate the facility. Construction is expected to begin this year, and laser testing could start by 1990.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Navajo Refining Company hired about 40 workers for one week in December for its annual turnaround project, a time when repairs are made to the refinery. Navajo also recently advertised for bids on an estimated \$2 million project which will include about four miles of new pipeline near the refinery. Officials for Westinghouse Corporation, the major contractor for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), said about \$9.9 million in subcontracts was awarded to businesses within an 80-mile radius of the project near Carlsbad. Companies statewide have received more than \$20 million in contracts from Westinghouse. WIPP next year will begin receiving its first shipments of low-level radioactive wastes, which will be buried in salt beds. The Bureau of Reclamation is seeking \$24 million in new construction funds this year for the Brantley Dam project on the Pecos River twelve miles north of Carlsbad. The earthfilled dam project, which was begun in early 1985, is expected to be completed in late 1988 or early 1989. Lundberg Industries did not resume operations at its potash mine as planned in mid-January. Lundberg laid off approximately 400 workers in late November for what was expected to be an eight-week closure to reduce inventories; however, officials now indicate that the resumption of operations will be delayed until mid-February. International Minerals and Chemical Corp., which also temporarily shut down its potash operations in mid-December, recommenced operations as planned in early January.

ESPANOLA AREA: Santa Clara Pueblo is planning to construct a 150-unit mobile home park on Pueblo land west of Espanola; the City of Espanola has agreed to extend certain streets and water and sewer lines

to serve the area. Construction of a new \$3 million trout hatchery in Parkview should begin soon and take about one year to complete. A new Allsup's store has opened in Espanola, employing seven people.

FARMINGTON AREA: A new company, U.S. Enertek, Inc., has been formed by combining parts of present companies Weatherford U.S., Inc. and American Tank and Steel. U.S. Enertek will be based in Farmington and will manufacture oil field production equipment and automatic production control systems and also do custom metal fabrication work. King's Table, a 300-seat buffet restaurant that will employ about 50 workers, plans to open soon in the Animas Valley Mall.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: A group of Lea County and New York businessmen announced in early January that they have reached agreement to purchase the idle Southern Union oil refinery near Lovington. Plans call for operations at the refinery to resume within two months. The two investor groups, AMEX Management Co. and East Coast Investors Ltd., also want to spend \$70 million expanding the refinery for ethanol production over the next two years. Whether the expansion plans are realized depends upon tax incentives from the State of New Mexico, according to company officials. The refinery is expected to initially employ about 75 people, and up to 170 construction workers could be involved in the expansion of the facility. Hobbs' newest shopping center, the \$2 million Dal Paso Center, is ready to accept businesses, according to its developer, La Fonda Construction. The center has room for 36 stores, plus an additional business in front of the center. Phillips Petroleum has purchased eleven natural gas processing plants from El Paso Natural Gas Company, including three plants in southeastern New Mexico. Phillips officials did not disclose what affect the sale would have on employment at the gas plants.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Foamex Products, Inc. is expected to begin operations its new \$6

million polyurethane products manufacturing plant in Santa Teresa in early February. Foamex, a subsidiary of General Felt Industries, should employ approximately 50 workers initially at the facility. Products from the Foamex plant will be used in the automobile, furniture, and carpet industries. Sunland Park Racetrack is planning a \$500,000 renovation project which will improve the track's clubhouse and grandstands. Work on the renovation, to be conducted on the off racing days for the track, should be completed by this June. Work has started on the \$2.5 million Dona Ana Specialty Four Mill in Rincon, north of Las Cruces. The new mill is expected to be in operation by this August, at which time six to ten workers will be hired to run the facility. Steelcon Building Company of El Paso is the general contractor for the new mill.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Budget adjustments are forcing personnel cutbacks of from nine to 20 percent in various departments of the San Miguel County government. A new personal computer sales and service store, Computer Tutor, has opened in Las Vegas.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Los Alamos National Laboratory has announced a hiring freeze which will be in effect until a thorough study of the budget is completed. Architectural design work is underway for a new 90,000-square-foot, \$25 million computing center for Los Alamos National Laboratory; construction should begin this summer and take about two years to complete. Los Alamos National Laboratory has received a \$14 million contract for a new research facility to be used to study the effects of high-speed projectiles on their targets.

RATON AREA: The 195 workers furloughed by Kaiser Coal Company in late November are now back on the job. A group of Oklahoma and New Mexico investors have reached an agreement to buy La Mesa Park racetrack; the current owner had indicated he would not open the track for the 1987 racing season.

ROSWELL AREA: Samons, a home improvement store chain based in Albuquerque, opened its eighth New Mexico store in the Monterey Shopping Center in Roswell.

SANTA FE AREA: The 85-room St. Francis Hotel, formerly known as the DeVargas Hotel, has opened near the plaza in Santa Fe following extensive remodeling. Sears, Roebuck is expected to vacate its downtown store and move into a new 72,000-square-foot, \$2.8 million store in Villa Linda Mall by this fall, according to a mall official. Construction work on the new \$18 million high school is about 30 percent complete and two months ahead of schedule, with completion now expected by early 1988. Poor skiing conditions in California are apparently responsible for an especially busy season so far at the Santa Fe Ski Basin which has had favorable impacts on area ski equipment shops, restaurants, and lodging facilities. The City of Santa Fe City Council has approved the purchase of 28 acres of land from the New Mexico National Guard for \$1.7 million. The guard will use that money to purchase 320 acres near the New Mexico State Penitentiary for its new \$4.2 million home complex, which will include an 80,000-square-foot armory and other buildings; construction should begin within about a year.

SILVER CITY AREA: Phelps Dodge Corporation's copper smelter in Douglas, Arizona closed in mid-January. Phelps Dodge officials said that some of the 350 workers from the Douglas plant could be transferred to the company's smelter in Hurley, New Mexico which Phelps Dodge recently acquired from Kennecott Corporation. El Paso Electric Company has proposed constructing a 345 kilovolt line from Tucson Electric's Springerville, Arizona generating station to the El Paso Electric Luna Substation north of Deming. Utility officials said work could begin on the project within one year, and construction would require a work force of between 65 and 120 persons

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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 1986

REVISED NOVEMBER 1986

REVISED DECEMBER 1985

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	676,103	613,350	62,753	9.3%	677,692	615,195	62,497	9.2%	652,615	595,941	56,674	8.7%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	260,132	243,441	16,691	6.4%	258,266	241,165	17,101	6.6%	245,821	229,936	15,885	6.5%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	56,193	52,489	3,704	6.6%	58,319	54,379	3,940	6.8%	51,379	47,541	3,838	7.5%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	62,049	58,397	3,652	5.9%	62,197	58,639	3,558	5.7%	60,504	57,408	3,096	5.1%
Catron	1,084	873	211	19.5%	1,110	926	184	16.6%	938	749	189	20.1%
Chaves	23,155	21,052	2,103	9.1%	23,316	21,141	2,175	9.3%	22,920	21,246	1,674	7.3%
Cibola	8,548	7,077	1,471	17.2%	8,319	6,925	1,394	16.8%	8,635	6,754	1,881	21.8%
Colfax	6,772	5,495	1,277	18.9%	6,686	5,743	943	14.1%	6,781	5,843	938	13.8%
Curry	17,735	16,278	1,457	8.7%	17,971	16,507	1,464	8.1%	16,319	15,092	1,227	7.5%
De Baca	877	774	103	11.7%	949	842	107	11.3%	921	794	127	13.8%
Eddy	22,127	18,696	3,431	15.5%	22,086	19,247	2,839	12.9%	22,049	19,025	3,024	13.7%
Grant	9,874	8,814	1,060	10.7%	9,974	8,894	1,080	10.8%	9,689	8,520	1,169	12.1%
Guadalupe	1,610	1,324	286	17.8%	1,653	1,393	260	15.7%	1,685	1,402	283	16.8%
Harding	485	424	61	12.6%	541	480	61	11.3%	488	443	45	9.2%
Hidalgo	2,377	2,217	160	6.7%	2,338	2,201	137	5.9%	2,290	2,109	181	7.9%
Lea	24,446	21,259	3,187	13.0%	24,925	21,406	3,519	14.1%	26,005	24,569	1,436	5.5%
Lincoln	7,113	6,461	652	9.2%	7,153	6,528	625	8.7%	7,324	6,805	519	7.1%
Luna	5,827	4,919	908	15.6%	5,911	4,964	947	16.0%	5,479	4,589	890	16.2%
McKinley	16,822	14,607	2,215	13.2%	17,124	14,707	2,417	14.1%	17,156	14,774	2,382	13.9%
Mora	1,286	804	482	37.5%	1,358	885	473	34.8%	1,541	1,028	513	33.3%
Otero	18,002	16,575	1,427	7.9%	17,848	16,440	1,408	7.9%	16,992	15,482	1,510	8.9%
Quay	4,355	3,952	403	9.3%	4,476	4,080	396	8.8%	4,374	3,933	441	10.1%
Rio Arriba	12,864	10,183	2,681	20.8%	12,951	10,391	2,560	19.8%	13,768	11,275	2,493	18.1%
Roosevelt	7,692	7,238	454	5.9%	7,912	7,479	433	5.5%	7,345	6,961	384	5.2%
Sandoval	22,096	20,051	2,045	9.3%	22,405	20,306	2,099	9.4%	21,546	19,642	1,904	8.8%
San Juan	34,478	28,907	5,571	16.2%	34,261	28,825	5,436	15.9%	34,162	29,805	4,357	12.8%
San Miguel	10,019	8,680	1,339	13.4%	10,088	8,821	1,267	12.6%	9,919	8,629	1,290	13.0%
Sierra	2,492	2,259	233	9.3%	2,522	2,284	238	9.4%	2,208	1,984	224	10.1%
Socorro	5,774	5,237	537	9.3%	5,829	5,241	588	10.1%	5,417	4,912	505	9.3%
Taos	10,158	7,323	2,835	27.9%	9,778	7,040	2,738	28.0%	11,101	8,697	2,404	21.7%
Torrance	3,140	2,733	407	13.0%	3,184	2,799	385	12.1%	3,246	2,862	384	11.8%
Union	1,981	1,817	164	8.3%	2,111	1,933	178	8.4%	1,966	1,851	115	5.8%
Valencia	14,540	12,994	1,546	10.6%	14,131	12,584	1,547	10.9%	12,647	11,281	1,366	10.8%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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over 12 to 18 months. The State Environmental Improvement Division has approved a groundwater discharge plan for a small copper-zinc-silver mine at Pinos Altos, near Silver City. Boliden Minerals submitted the plan for a 16,000 ton-per-year mining operation; however, the firm has not announced any startup date for the mine.

SOCORRO / T or C AREA: The T or C City Commissioners approved a preliminary plan by Southwest Engineering of Las Cruces to develop a 43 acre tract of land near the Veterans Center into an industrial park. The Socorro City Council has approved a concrete company, American Redi Mix, as a new tenant in the city's industrial park.

TAOS AREA: A \$2.8 million contract has been awarded to Burnett Construction Company of Durango, Colorado for the paving of 6.1 miles of NM196 from NM3 to the Rio Costilla Ski Area. Carson National Forest does not expect to have any vacancies for field positions for the 1987 summer season and is not accepting any applications for such positions. McKinsey Air, Inc. has begun flying charter air service between Taos and Albuquerque on a demand basis.



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This issue of the New Mexico Labor Market Review introduces revised civilian labor force and nonagricultural industry employment estimates for New Mexico and its subareas. The nonagricultural data incorporates more recent payroll counts from employers covered under unemployment compensation programs. The labor force data reflects the improved nonagricultural estimates, along with new information from the U.S. Department of Labor's Current Population Survey. Labor force estimates for all areas of New Mexico have been revised back through 1983. Nonagricultural employment, hours, and earnings data have been revised through 1985. Included on page 9 of this issue are revised 1986 labor force estimates for statewide New Mexico and the Albuquerque area. 1986 annual average labor force data for all areas appear on page 10. Publications are available containing historical labor force, nonagricultural employment, and industry hours and earnings estimates for New Mexico and its subareas. If you would like copies of these publications, please complete and return the order form on the back page of this newsletter.

New Mexico's unemployment rate rose from 9.3 to 9.8 percent in January, driven upward largely by post-Christmas layoffs in retail trade and transportation along with a weather-related drop in construction. There were 65,400 New Mexicans involuntarily without jobs in January, 2,400 more than in December. One year ago, the State's jobless rate stood at 9.3 percent with 60,400 unemployed. The U.S. unemployment rate in January was 7.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted), up from 6.3 percent in December but unchanged from one year ago.

Total nonagricultural employment in January, derived from an employer payroll survey,

fell by 8,700 jobs from the December level. Trade had 4,400 fewer workers, most of whom were hired in November and December for the holiday buying season. Transportation also retreated to its previous November level, and payrolls were cut in construction due mostly to inclement weather.

In mining, continued job losses in oil & gas extraction were offset by a recall of workers in the coal subsector. Manufacturing employment fell in December as cutbacks, many of them temporary, were recorded in several durable goods subsectors and in food processing.

JANUARY SUMMARY

	Prel. Jan. 1987	Revised Dec. 1986	Revised Jan. 1986	Change From Dec. 1986	Change From Jan. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	666,400	679,000	651,000	-12,600	+15,400
Employment	601,000	616,000	590,600	-15,000	+10,400
Unemployment	65,400	63,000	60,400	+2,400	+5,000
Rate	9.8%	9.3%	9.3%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM JAN 1987	REVISED DEC 1986	REVISED JAN 1986	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1986	JAN 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	526,600	535,300	521,000	-8,700	5,600
MINING	14,700	14,700	20,100	0	-5,400
Metal Mining	1,900	1,900	2,900	0	-1,000
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,800	3,600	3,700	200	100
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,000	9,200	13,500	-200	-4,500
CONSTRUCTION	32,800	34,200	33,800	-1,400	-1,000
MANUFACTURING	37,000	37,800	36,900	-800	100
DURABLE GOODS	23,800	24,400	24,200	-600	-400
Lumber & Wood Products	2,700	2,800	2,600	-100	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,500	2,500	2,700	0	-200
Elec & Electronic Equip	4,200	4,300	4,800	-100	-600
Transportation Equipment	4,200	4,300	4,100	-100	100
Other Durable Goods	10,200	10,500	10,000	-300	200
NONDURABLE GOODS	13,200	13,400	12,700	-200	500
Food & Kindred Products	4,200	4,400	4,000	-200	200
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	100
Other Nondurable Goods	6,600	6,600	6,400	0	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,100	29,600	29,600	-500	-500
TRANSPORTATION	12,900	13,300	12,800	-400	100
Railroad Transportation	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	6,200	6,100	-300	-200
Other Transportation	4,800	4,900	4,500	-100	300
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16,200	16,300	16,800	-100	-600
Communication	6,800	6,800	7,100	0	-300
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,400	9,500	9,700	-100	-300
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	127,100	131,500	123,500	-4,400	3,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,400	22,400	22,800	0	-400
Durable Goods	13,400	13,300	13,400	100	0
Nondurable Goods	9,000	9,100	9,400	-100	-400
RETAIL TRADE	104,700	109,100	100,700	-4,400	4,000
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,300	4,400	4,300	-100	0
General Merchandise Stores	12,400	13,700	11,700	-1,300	700
Food Stores	15,700	16,500	14,700	-800	1,000
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,200	13,300	12,900	-100	300
Apparel & Accessories	5,700	6,400	5,700	-700	0
Furniture & Furnishing	4,500	4,600	4,400	-100	100
Eating & Drinking Places	36,700	37,700	35,500	-1,000	1,200
Miscellaneous Retail	12,200	12,500	11,500	-300	700
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	27,000	27,000	26,300	0	700
Banking	8,000	8,000	8,100	0	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,700	3,700	3,500	0	200
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Real Estate	6,400	6,400	6,200	0	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,000	6,000	5,700	0	300
SERVICES	118,600	118,500	114,700	100	3,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11,400	11,700	10,500	-300	900
Personal Services	6,100	5,900	5,800	200	300
Business Services	27,600	27,700	27,600	-100	0
Health Services	29,700	29,700	28,300	0	1,400
Legal Services	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	100
Educational Services	5,000	5,200	4,900	-200	100
Social Services	6,200	6,300	7,000	-100	-800
Membership Organizations	6,100	6,000	5,500	100	600
Other Services	22,500	22,000	21,200	500	1,300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	140,300	142,000	136,100	-1,700	4,200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,500	29,600	29,700	-100	-200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	110,800	112,400	106,400	-1,600	4,400
State Government	50,600	52,300	48,600	-1,700	2,000
Local Government	60,200	60,100	57,800	100	2,400

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

The Albuquerque area experienced a slight upward movement in unemployment between December and January, according to preliminary labor force estimates. The number of job seekers rose by 200 over the month, which is a smaller increase than is normally expected for this time of year. About 4,300 people dropped out of the labor force in January, as many businesses, particularly those in retail trade, reduced their work forces following the Christmas holiday season.

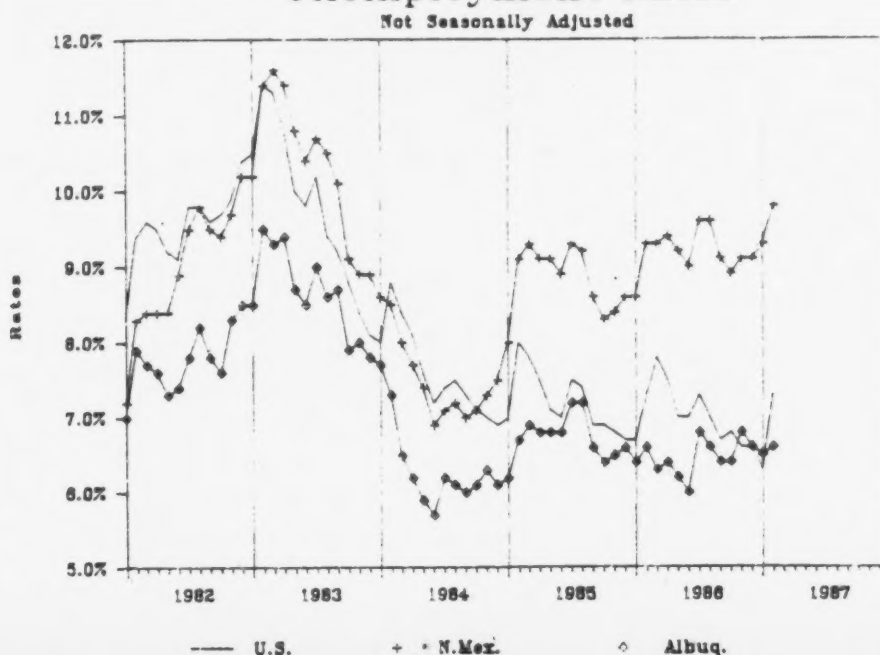
In accordance with the normal seasonal trend, the Albuquerque area saw a reduction of 3,900 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs between December and January, as lower employment levels were recorded in nearly every industrial division. As expected, large payroll losses occurred in general merchandise stores and other retail stores, which includes apparel & accessory, furniture & furnishings, building materials, and miscellaneous retail stores. Business services registered a sizeable decline primarily related to worker reductions in temporary employment service agencies. The between-semester layoff

of part-time student workers at the university accounted for the large drop in state government employment. Construction employment saw a seasonal decline, primarily in special trades and also in building construction; heavy construction posted a small increase as road and bridge work continued at a strong pace.

Between January 1986 and January 1987, nearly every industrial division recorded an employment gain, as 4,500 jobs were added to Albuquerque's nonagricultural payrolls over the year. Even construction, which had been showing year-to-year job losses for the past several months, registered a small over-the-year gain in January. Strong increases occurred in health services, with the growth of numerous specialized health-care facilities, and eating & drinking places, benefitting from the opening of many new restaurants during the year. Only the government sector showed a year-to-year job loss; this is mainly due to a difference from last year to this year in the timing of the end-of-semester layoff at the university.

	Prel. Jan. 1987	Revised Dec. 1986	Revised Jan. 1986	Change From Dec. 1986	Change From Jan. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	254,900	259,200	245,800	-4,300	+9,100
Employment	238,000	242,500	229,500	-4,500	+8,500
Unemployment	16,900	16,700	16,300	+ 200	+ 600
Rate	6.6%	6.4%	6.6%		

Unemployment Rates



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM JAN 1987	REVISED DEC 1986	REVISED JAN 1986	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1986	JAN 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	226,600	230,500	222,100	-3,900	4,500
MINING	200	200	200	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	16,400	16,800	16,300	-400	100
MANUFACTURING	19,300	19,600	19,200	-300	100
Durable Goods	13,900	14,100	13,800	-200	100
Nondurable Goods	5,400	5,500	5,400	-100	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,500	12,700	12,200	-200	300
Transportation	6,100	6,300	5,700	-200	400
Communication	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,400	60,300	56,800	-1,900	1,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,100	14,100	14,100	0	0
Durable Goods	9,600	9,500	9,500	100	100
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,600	4,600	-100	-100
RETAIL TRADE	44,300	46,200	42,700	-1,900	1,600
General Merchandise Stores	4,800	5,500	5,000	-700	-200
Food Stores	5,100	5,300	4,800	-200	300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	16,600	17,000	15,800	-400	800
Other Retail Trade	13,000	13,600	12,400	-600	600
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	14,600	14,500	13,900	100	700
Banking	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	-100
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	4,200	4,100	3,900	100	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	7,300	7,300	6,800	0	500
SERVICES	61,300	61,700	59,400	-400	1,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4,000	4,100	3,600	-100	400
Personal Services	3,200	3,100	3,100	100	100
Business Services	19,400	19,900	19,600	-500	-200
Health Services	14,300	14,300	13,600	0	700
Social Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	-100
Other Services	16,000	15,900	15,000	100	1,000
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	43,900	44,700	44,100	-800	-200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,800	12,600	12,600	200	200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	31,100	32,100	31,500	-1,000	-400
State Government	11,200	12,700	12,800	-1,500	-1,600
Local Government	19,900	19,400	18,700	500	1,200

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	JAN CHANGE FROM	
	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986	DEC 1986	JAN 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	41,400	41,850	38,550	-450	2,850
MINING	50	50	50	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,500	2,500	2,300	0	200
MANUFACTURING	3,150	3,250	3,000	-100	150
Durable Goods	1,150	1,150	1,100	0	50
Nondurable Goods	2,000	2,100	1,900	-100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,350	1,400	1,300	-50	50
Transportation	500	550	500	-50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	800	0	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,850	8,050	7,550	-200	300
WHOLESALE TRADE	850	850	850	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	7,000	7,200	6,700	-200	300
General Merchandise Stores	950	1,000	850	-50	100
Food Stores	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	900	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	2,600	2,700	2,500	-100	100
Other Retail Trade	1,500	1,550	1,450	-50	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,550	0	0
SERVICES	6,050	6,050	5,600	0	450
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	750	750	550	0	200
Business Services	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Health Services	1,650	1,650	1,400	0	250
Social Services	250	250	250	0	0
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	-100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	18,900	19,000	17,200	-100	1,700
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,300	4,300	4,400	0	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	14,600	14,700	12,800	-100	1,800
State Government	9,600	9,600	7,700	0	1,900
Local Government	5,000	5,100	5,100	-100	-100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	JAN CHANGE FROM	
	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986	DEC 1986	JAN 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	53,150	54,000	51,400	-850	1,750
MINING	100	100	150	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,100	3,200	3,100	-100	0
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,600	1,550	0	50
Durable Goods	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Nondurable Goods	600	600	600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,200	1,300	-50	-150
Transportation	400	450	400	-50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	900	0	-150
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,400	10,850	9,750	-450	650
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	650	0	50
RETAIL TRADE	9,700	10,150	9,100	-450	600
General Merchandise Stores	950	1,050	900	-100	50
Food Stores	1,750	1,850	1,250	-100	500
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	850	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,700	3,800	3,600	-100	100
Other Retail Trade	2,500	2,650	2,500	-150	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,100	2,100	1,950	0	150
SERVICES	13,100	13,350	12,500	-250	600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,700	1,750	1,500	-50	200
Business Services	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Health Services	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	200
Social Services	600	600	600	0	0
Other Services	4,800	5,000	4,500	-200	300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	21,600	21,600	21,100	0	500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	20,100	20,100	19,600	0	500
State Government	16,300	16,200	15,900	100	400
Local Government	3,800	3,900	3,700	-100	100

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)									
NEW MEXICO	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986
MINING	\$494.51	\$465.90	\$526.23	40.7	38.6	42.2	12.15	12.07	12.47
CONSTRUCTION	\$396.03	\$386.63	\$395.30	36.3	34.8	37.9	10.91	11.11	10.43
MANUFACTURING	\$358.90	\$366.02	\$336.41	40.1	40.4	39.3	8.95	9.06	8.56
Durable Goods	\$359.41	\$374.10	\$341.82	41.0	41.2	39.7	9.01	9.08	8.61
Nondurable Goods	\$344.31	\$349.20	\$322.87	38.6	38.8	38.3	8.92	9.00	8.43
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	\$544.75	\$521.05	\$476.36	41.3	42.5	42.8	13.19	12.26	11.13
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	\$216.96	\$215.76	\$222.42	32.0	32.3	33.0	6.78	6.68	6.74
Wholesale Trade	\$355.39	\$359.96	\$373.84	39.4	40.4	41.4	9.02	8.91	9.03
Retail Trade	\$182.67	\$190.04	\$191.56	30.7	30.9	31.3	5.95	6.15	6.12
BANKING	\$247.80	\$228.86	\$217.50	41.3	38.4	37.5	6.00	5.96	5.80
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986
MANUFACTURING	\$371.39	\$382.34	\$338.82	40.5	41.2	38.9	9.17	9.28	8.71
Durable Goods	\$392.08	\$401.00	\$357.30	41.8	42.3	39.7	9.38	9.48	9.00
Nondurable Goods	\$314.87	\$316.68	\$285.43	37.0	37.3	36.5	8.51	8.49	7.82
NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.									

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Construction of the \$16.5 million first phase of Rio Rancho's High Resort development has begun; this phase includes the golf course expansion and a 160-home residential area. Presley Company of New Mexico is planning an \$80 million development project, called Nor Este, on 176 acres in the North Albuquerque Acres area surrounding the new La Cueva High School. Construction work is now underway on the recently-renamed \$10 million "The Beach at Renaissance" water park near I-25 and Montano Road; the park's opening is scheduled for this May. Construction work on the \$120 million expansion-renovation project is set to begin at Albuquerque International Airport. The project will expand the airport's capacity to eight million passengers per year, double the 1986 level. New Mexico's first International House of Pancakes is scheduled to open soon at Juan Tabo and Candelaria, NE. The 145-seat, 4,400-square-foot restaurant will be open 24 hours a day and employ about 40 people. Construction is scheduled to begin soon on Kistler Collister's Fashion Square

expansion project at San Mateo and Lomas, NE. The \$2.2 million project will add more than 6,000 square feet to the present Kistler Collister department store and create 31,000 square feet to be divided among 12 to 15 small shops clustered around a courtyard. The opening of the first of three new Peter Piper Pizza restaurants is scheduled for late March; the 5,000-square-foot, \$350,000 restaurant will be located at Eubank and Candelaria, NE and will employ about 35 workers.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: Tricon Kent Inc. started work in late January on the \$2.4 million first phase of the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport (SBRA). Tricon Kent officials indicated that Phase I, which involves mostly earthwork, should be completed by July. The \$3 million Hughes Aircraft missile repair facility in Las Cruces was dedicated in January. The new 26,000-square-foot facility employs approximately 100 workers supporting the Roland missile systems used by the New Mexico National Guard.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Lundburg Industries reopened its potash mine on February 10, recalling all but 40 of the mine's 400 work force. Lundburg shut down its facilities in late November, 1986. Work is nearing completion on the TRUPACT assembly facility in the Airport Industrial Park in Carlsbad. When finished, the facility will assemble the first 24 containers to be used to haul the transuranic nuclear waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). WIPP is scheduled to receive its first shipments late in 1988.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded a \$1.1 million grant to construct a new airport in Portales. Work on the new facility should begin this spring.

ESPANOLA AREA: Ground has been broken for construction of the \$1.1 million Ranchitos Recreation Center; completion is targeted for late summer of 1987. Construction work is continuing on the \$1.17 million, 22,000-square-foot McCurdy School gymnasium; completion is expected by this June. Construction of the new \$1.127 million Espanola kindergarten center has begun, with completion anticipated by this fall. For all of 1986, the value of construction in Espanola was only about \$3.3 million, down from nearly \$6.5 million in 1985.

FARMINGTON AREA: A \$1 million, 8,400-square-foot, 24-bed rehabilitation center is planned as an addition to the San Juan Regional Medical Center in Farmington. A subsequent phase of the project will include a 4,000-square-foot medical offices building. The Veterans Administration is expected to locate a pilot project outpatient health screening clinic at Farmington's American Plaza; it will be one of only two such pilot facilities for rural areas in the nation. American Home Furnishings has opened for business in American Plaza, employing about 65 people.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Giant Industries has begun recruitment of an expected staff of 150 employees for its new Giant Truck Center; located on I-40, 17 miles east of Gallup, the \$8 million, 28,000-square-foot facility is scheduled to open this spring. Alternative Bedding of America has opened for business in Grants with a work force of about 35 employees; the firm had received

more than 2,000 applications for employment. Building permits in the city of Gallup totaled 222 in 1986, up from 171 in 1985. Permit values rose to \$14.6 million from \$9.6 million in 1985.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Silver Savings and Loan, a Silver City-based financial institution, opened a new \$1.2 million facility in Las Cruces in January. Home construction figures for Dona Ana County in 1986 indicate that the year was a good one for the area. During the year, permits for 428 single family residences were issued by the City of Las Cruces, and another 387 permits were issued by the County. Mesilla Valley Hospital, a new psychiatric treatment facility in Las Cruces, is scheduled to open in March. Mesilla Valley initially will employ about 40 full-time workers, according to hospital officials.

LAS VEGAS AREA: An industry-wide excess capacity has forced the Montana de Fibra fiberboard plant to cut back its full-time operations to a 10-day-on, four-day-off schedule until excess inventories are eliminated; the plant employs about 160 workers. Several construction projects in the area are expected to resume shortly, with the onset of warmer weather.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Los Alamos National Laboratory has announced the layoff of nearly 150 workers, including scientists, technicians, administrators, and clerical workers, because of budgetary constraints; it is hoped many workers receiving layoff notices will be able to transfer to other jobs within LANL.

RATON AREA: Kaiser Steel Corporation has announced that its Kaiser Coal Company mines near Raton are for sale, but officials do not expect immediate cutbacks in operations or personnel at the mines because of the need to fulfill current coal contracts. One contract was recently made for the sale of 450,000 tons of coal to Celanese Chemical Company; this contract will raise the York Canyon mines' annual production to more than two million tons. Pine Forest Estates is seeking governmental approval for a 2,500-acre, 600-home subdivision to be built on both sides of I-25 just north of the city limits of Raton.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corp. (TMC) of Roswell and other Greyhound Corp. subsidiaries have jointly purchased the bus building division of General Motors Corp. Officials said the purchase will have no immediate effect on the local TMC plant; however, the possibility exists that one of the GM operations could be transferred to Roswell, meaning a substantial expansion of the current 1,000 work force at TMC. On another matter, TMC officials disclosed that bus and trailer orders for 1987 are higher than in 1986; and, as a result, TMC's workforce should increase by about 200 over the next few months. Total construction valuation in Chaves County in 1986 was \$9.9 million, down approximately one-third from 1985. Mealmakers Inc., a local food processor, recently held a workshop for area farmers to present information on crops to be used by the firm. Mealmakers opened in mid-1986 in the renovated former Glover Meat Packing plant and is currently employing about 110 workers. That number could grow to 450 within the next two years, according to Mealmakers officials. The Roswell City Council has approved the lease of 12 acres at the Roswell Industrial Air Center for the location of a National Guard armory complex which will employ up to 65 persons. National Guard officials are attempting to obtain federal and state funding for the proposed armory.

SANTA FE AREA: La Mancha Development Company is planning an 815-unit residential subdivision on 148 acres near the southern limits of the city of Santa Fe; the development would include 503 single-family homes and 312 apartment units. The filming of a remake of the 1957 movie, "And God Created Woman", is scheduled to begin in March at the as yet unopened south facility of the Penitentiary of New Mexico. The

film is expected to cost about \$4 million. The Capital Bar & Grill, which employed about 50 workers, has closed after less than a year in business because of financial difficulties. Two other Santa Fe restaurants, the Lone Wolf Cafe and The Winery, also closed recently; but a new restaurant, the Zia Diner, recently opened for business at Guadalupe Station.

SILVER CITY AREA: Officials from Halstead Industries, a large manufacturer of copper tubing with plants in several eastern states, visited the area in January looking for possible locations for a new manufacturing plant which could employ up to 300 workers. Magma Copper Corporation recently used the services of the Silver City ESD area office to recruit approximately 60 laid off miners for work at the firm's San Manuel, Arizona copper mine.

SOCORRO / T or C AREA: Honeywell officials indicate that they spent \$1.6 million in 1986 at New Mexico Tech's Terminal Effects Research and Analysis (TERA) testing facility. Honeywell employs up to twenty persons through TERA testing ammunition used by the Abrams armored tank, a vehicle used by the U.S. Army and NATO. The testing operation is expected to continue over the next few years. The last remnants of the \$100 million copper mine and concentrator near Hillsboro built in 1981 by Quintana Minerals Corp. were recently removed by work crews of Ok Tedi Mining Ltd. of New Guinea. The Copper Flats operation, which employed more than 200 workers, was shut down due to depressed copper prices four months after it opened in 1981. Most of the equipment went to New Guinea to produce byproduct copper at a gold mine.

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

	<u>Jan. 1987</u>	<u>Dec. 1986</u>	<u>Jan. 1986</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>	
				<u>Dec.'86-Jan.'87</u>	<u>Jan.'86-Jan.'87</u>
CPI-U	333.1	331.1	328.4	+0.6%	+1.4%
CPI-W	327.7	325.7	324.3	+0.6%	+1.0%

Index Base Year 1967 = 100

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

NEW MEXICO AND ALBUQUERQUE MSA
1986 CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
BY MONTH AND ANNUAL AVERAGE

NEW MEXICO

1986	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
JANUARY	651,051	590,649	60,402	9.3%
FEBRUARY	653,334	592,842	60,492	9.3%
MARCH	660,471	598,460	62,011	9.4%
APRIL	666,437	605,064	61,373	9.2%
MAY	671,146	610,713	60,433	9.0%
JUNE	678,816	613,863	64,953	9.6%
JULY	679,022	614,125	64,897	9.6%
AUGUST	680,119	618,488	61,631	9.1%
SEPTEMBER	678,233	617,976	60,257	8.9%
OCTOBER	684,718	622,445	62,273	9.1%
NOVEMBER	681,619	619,355	62,264	9.1%
DECEMBER	679,033	616,019	63,014	9.3%
ANNUAL AVERAGE	672,000	610,000	62,000	9.2%

ALBUQUERQUE MSA 1/

1986	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
JANUARY	245,748	229,467	16,281	6.6%
FEBRUARY	247,140	231,595	15,545	6.3%
MARCH	249,561	233,573	15,988	6.4%
APRIL	252,043	236,473	15,570	6.2%
MAY	251,628	236,415	15,213	6.0%
JUNE	255,064	237,825	17,239	6.8%
JULY	254,967	238,049	16,918	6.6%
AUGUST	255,728	239,243	16,485	6.4%
SEPTEMBER	255,169	238,808	16,361	6.4%
OCTOBER	258,755	241,226	17,529	6.8%
NOVEMBER	258,622	241,583	17,039	6.6%
DECEMBER	259,266	242,523	16,743	6.5%
ANNUAL AVERAGE	253,641	237,232	16,409	6.5%

1/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY AREA
1986 ANNUAL AVERAGES

1986	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
STATEWIDE	672,000	610,000	62,000	9.2%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 1/	253,641	237,232	16,409	6.5%
LAS CRUCES MSA 2/	55,291	51,204	4,087	7.4%
SANTA FE MSA 3/	63,947	60,461	3,486	5.5%
Catron	1,082	916	166	15.3%
Chaves	22,392	20,219	2,173	9.7%
Cibola	8,697	7,060	1,637	18.8%
Colfax	6,992	5,999	993	14.2%
Curry	17,322	16,063	1,259	7.3%
De Baca	959	850	109	11.4%
Eddy	22,344	19,199	3,145	14.1%
Grant	9,707	8,551	1,156	11.9%
Guadalupe	1,644	1,405	239	14.5%
Harding	471	417	54	11.5%
Hidalgo	2,515	2,357	158	6.3%
Lea	25,498	22,323	3,175	12.5%
Lincoln	7,338	6,801	537	7.3%
Luna	5,652	4,796	856	15.1%
McKinley	17,131	14,823	2,308	13.5%
Mora	1,317	818	499	37.9%
Otero	17,676	16,252	1,424	8.1%
Quay	4,522	4,102	420	9.3%
Rio Arriba	13,058	10,363	2,695	20.6%
Roosevelt	7,132	6,744	388	5.4%
Sandoval	22,213	20,241	1,972	8.9%
San Juan	35,416	29,679	5,737	16.2%
San Miguel	9,971	8,663	1,308	13.1%
Sierra	2,449	2,265	184	7.5%
Socorro	5,784	5,246	538	9.3%
Taos	10,220	7,381	2,839	27.8%
Torrance	3,143	2,763	380	12.1%
Union	2,075	1,904	171	8.2%
Valencia	14,403	12,905	1,498	10.4%

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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY JANUARY 1987

REVISED DECEMBER 1986

REVISED JANUARY 1986

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	666,332	600,982	65,350	9.8%	679,033	616,019	63,014	9.3%	651,051	590,649	60,402	9.3%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	254,954	238,015	16,939	6.6%	259,266	242,523	16,743	6.5%	245,748	229,467	16,281	6.6%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	55,002	51,126	3,876	7.0%	56,577	52,837	3,740	6.6%	51,819	47,737	4,082	7.9%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	62,858	59,036	3,822	6.1%	64,695	60,981	3,714	5.7%	61,510	57,871	3,639	5.9%
Catron	1,031	824	207	20.1%	1,124	912	212	18.9%	953	749	204	21.4%
Chaves	22,247	19,927	2,320	10.4%	22,631	20,524	2,107	9.3%	21,794	19,533	2,261	10.4%
Cibola	8,487	6,923	1,564	18.4%	8,601	7,125	1,476	17.2%	8,599	6,742	1,857	21.6%
Colfax	6,531	5,519	1,012	15.5%	6,678	5,392	1,286	19.3%	6,739	5,790	949	14.1%
Curry	17,406	15,935	1,471	8.5%	17,641	16,181	1,460	8.3%	16,785	15,461	1,324	7.9%
De Baca	830	731	99	11.9%	912	809	103	11.3%	890	751	139	15.6%
Eddy	21,755	18,340	3,415	15.7%	21,926	18,506	3,420	15.6%	21,972	18,839	3,133	14.3%
Grant	9,830	8,634	1,196	12.2%	9,861	8,794	1,067	10.8%	9,558	8,262	1,296	13.6%
Guadalupe	1,647	1,310	337	20.5%	1,698	1,412	286	16.8%	1,621	1,322	299	18.4%
Harding	390	345	45	11.5%	456	393	63	13.8%	461	409	52	11.3%
Hidalgo	2,417	2,268	149	6.2%	2,524	2,359	165	6.5%	2,339	2,161	178	7.6%
Lea	23,921	20,991	2,930	12.2%	24,779	21,579	3,200	12.9%	26,182	24,597	1,585	6.1%
Lincoln	6,709	6,041	668	10.0%	6,888	6,243	645	9.4%	6,359	5,808	551	8.7%
Luna	5,556	4,627	929	16.7%	5,608	4,699	909	16.2%	5,409	4,527	882	16.3%
McKinley	16,927	14,394	2,533	15.0%	16,826	14,600	2,226	13.2%	17,015	14,560	2,455	14.4%
Mora	1,175	705	470	40.0%	1,210	724	486	40.2%	1,376	843	533	38.7%
Otero	17,792	16,352	1,440	8.1%	17,860	16,432	1,428	8.0%	17,446	15,809	1,637	9.4%
Quay	4,359	3,927	432	9.9%	4,453	4,048	405	9.1%	4,229	3,773	456	10.8%
Rio Arriba	13,183	10,108	3,075	23.3%	13,071	10,391	2,680	20.5%	13,124	10,195	2,929	22.3%
Roosevelt	7,140	6,720	420	5.9%	7,415	6,967	448	6.0%	6,624	6,228	396	6.0%
Sandoval	21,650	19,507	2,143	10.0%	22,515	20,454	2,061	9.2%	21,418	19,349	2,069	9.7%
San Juan	25,326	28,956	6,370	18.0%	35,144	29,545	5,599	15.9%	34,493	29,949	4,544	13.2%
San Miguel	9,367	7,908	1,459	15.6%	10,107	8,774	1,333	13.2%	9,530	8,101	1,429	15.0%
Sierra	2,448	2,196	252	10.3%	2,500	2,268	232	9.3%	2,228	2,044	184	8.3%
Socorro	5,518	4,947	571	10.3%	5,883	5,343	540	9.2%	5,399	4,860	539	10.0%
Taos	10,070	7,102	2,968	29.5%	10,045	7,198	2,847	28.3%	10,616	8,210	2,406	22.7%
Torrance	3,113	2,681	432	13.9%	3,148	2,743	405	12.9%	2,976	2,542	434	14.6%
Union	1,855	1,691	164	8.8%	1,950	1,787	163	8.4%	1,985	1,830	155	7.8%
Valencia	14,808	13,196	1,612	10.9%	15,041	13,476	1,565	10.4%	13,854	12,330	1,524	11.0%

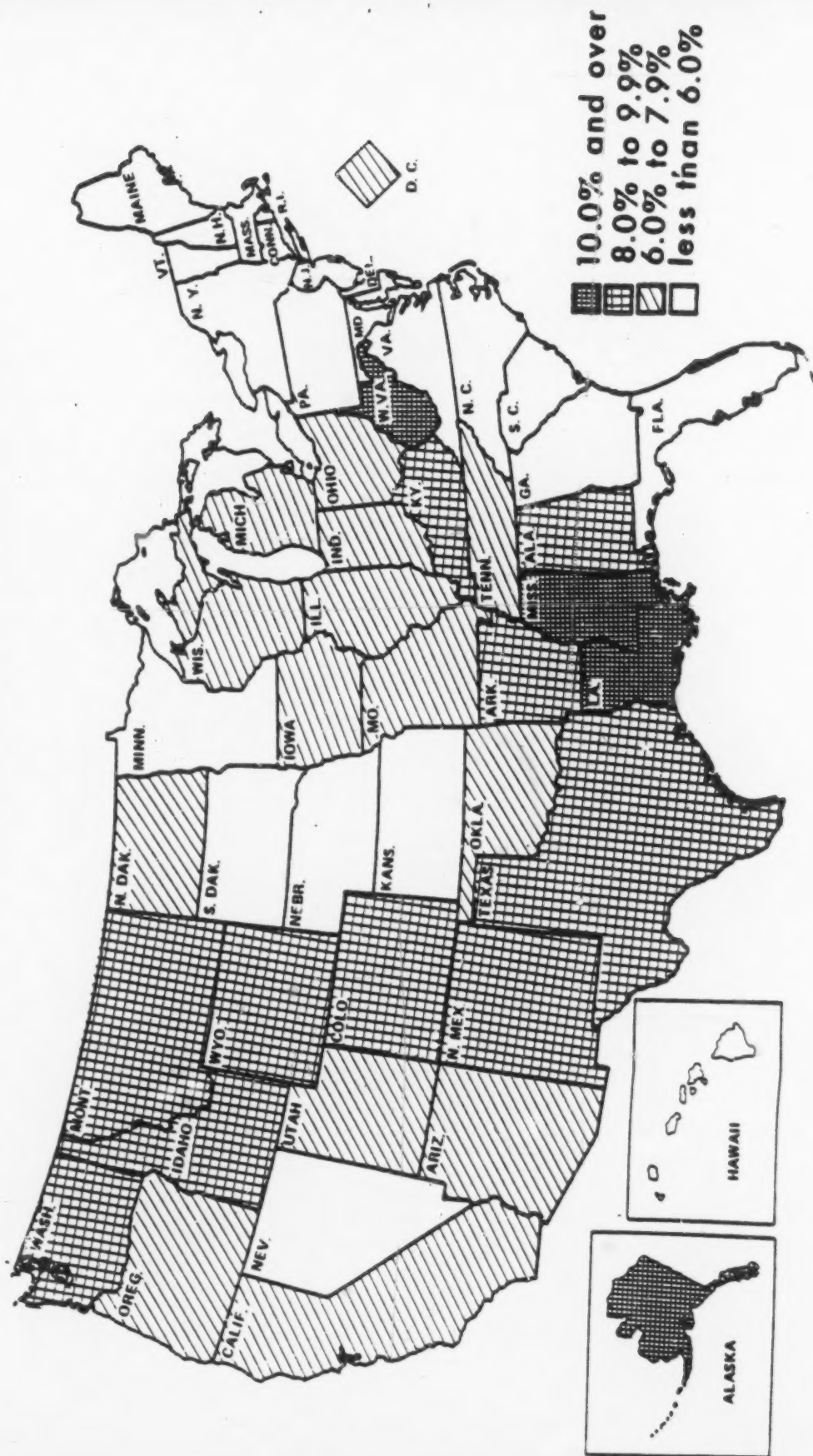
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New Mexico's unemployment situation was little changed in February, according to preliminary labor force estimates. The State's unemployment rate was 9.8 percent, down slightly from 9.9 percent in January. The number of unemployed edged down by 300 from January to total 65,400. Although relatively unchanged over the month, both the number and rate of unemployment continue to reflect deterioration over the longer term. Approximately 4,900 more persons in New Mexico are unemployed now than one year ago, and the jobless rate is half a percentage point higher. Much of this increased unemployment since early 1986 is the result of substantial layoffs in the mining industry, particularly in the oil & gas extraction and metal subsectors, along with reductions in transportation & utilities and slower job growth in retail trade and services.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment rose by 3,700 between January and February, due largely to seasonal increases in government and services. Employment in state government experienced a reduction last month due to semester breaks at public educational institutions. These losses were recouped in February, causing an increase of 2,700 jobs in state government. The 700 job gain in services was spread largely among the amusements and private education subsectors.

Job reductions were recorded during the month in retail trade and construction, both fairly normal changes for February. Mining employment held steady over the month; however there were contrasting movements within the industry. Oil & gas extraction declined by 300 jobs from January, but this gain was offset by the reopening of a potash mine in the Carlsbad area.

FEBRUARY SUMMARY

	Prel. Feb. 1987	Revised Jan. 1987 Feb. 1986		Change From Jan. 1987 Feb. 1986	
Civilian Labor Force	669,400	664,300	653,300	+ 5,100	+16,100
Employment	604,000	598,600	592,800	+ 5,400	+11,200
Unemployment	65,400	65,700	60,500	- 300	+4,900
Rate	9.8%	9.9%	9.3%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM FEB 1987	REVISED JAN 1987	REVISED FEB 1986	FEB CHANGE FROM JAN 1987	FEB 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	527,600	523,900	521,100	3,700	6,500
MINING	14,700	14,700	19,000	0	-4,300
Metal Mining	1,800	1,800	2,700	0	-900
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,900	3,600	3,600	300	300
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,000	9,300	12,700	-300	-3,700
CONSTRUCTION	32,800	33,000	32,700	-200	100
MANUFACTURING	37,100	37,100	36,600	0	500
DURABLE GOODS	24,000	23,900	24,000	100	0
Lumber & Wood Products	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,500	2,500	2,700	0	-200
Elec & Electronic Equip	4,300	4,300	4,700	0	-400
Transportation Equipment	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	200
Other Durable Goods	10,400	10,300	10,100	100	300
NONDURABLE GOODS	13,100	13,200	12,600	-100	500
Food & Kindred Products	4,100	4,200	3,800	-100	300
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,600	6,600	6,400	0	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,000	28,700	29,500	300	-500
TRANSPORTATION	12,900	12,800	12,700	100	200
Railroad Transportation	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	5,800	6,000	100	-100
Other Transportation	4,800	4,800	4,500	0	300
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16,100	15,900	16,800	200	-700
Communication	6,700	6,700	7,100	0	-400
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,400	9,200	9,700	200	-300
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	127,100	127,700	122,500	-600	4,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,300	22,200	22,700	100	-400
Durable Goods	13,400	13,300	13,400	100	0
Nondurable Goods	8,900	8,900	9,300	0	-400
RETAIL TRADE	104,800	105,500	99,800	-700	5,000
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,400	4,300	4,300	100	100
General Merchandise Stores	12,100	12,500	11,300	-400	800
Food Stores	16,000	16,000	14,600	0	1,400
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,300	13,200	12,800	100	500
Apparel & Accessories	5,400	5,900	5,300	-500	100
Furniture & Furnishing	4,500	4,500	4,300	0	200
Eating & Drinking Places	37,000	37,000	35,700	0	1,300
Miscellaneous Retail	12,100	12,100	11,500	0	600
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,900	27,000	26,200	-100	700
Banking	8,000	8,000	8,100	0	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,800	3,700	3,500	100	300
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Real Estate	6,200	6,400	6,100	-200	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,000	6,000	5,700	0	300
SERVICES	119,200	118,500	115,600	700	3,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11,300	11,400	10,500	-100	800
Personal Services	6,000	6,100	5,900	-100	100
Business Services	27,700	27,800	27,800	-100	-100
Health Services	29,700	29,700	28,300	0	1,400
Legal Services	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	100
Educational Services	5,300	5,000	5,100	300	200
Social Services	6,300	6,200	7,000	100	-700
Membership Organizations	6,200	6,000	5,600	200	600
Other Services	22,700	22,300	21,500	400	1,200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	140,800	137,200	139,000	3,600	1,800
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,900	29,700	29,700	200	200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	110,900	107,500	109,300	3,400	1,600
State Government	51,400	48,700	50,900	2,700	500
Local Government	59,500	58,800	58,400	700	1,100

- 1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.
- 2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary labor force estimates, the Albuquerque area unemployment rate fell to 6.4 percent in February, down from the 6.7 percent rate experienced in January. The number of Albuquerque jobseekers declined by 800 between January and February.

Nonagricultural wage and salary payrolls increased by 1,600 jobs over the month. Most of this gain occurred in State government, as student workers were hired for part-time jobs at the university as the spring semester got underway. The start of the spring horse racing season also accounted for a large number of new jobs in February, and smaller additions were recorded in several other segments of the services division. On the minus side, jobs were lost in retail trade as general merchandise stores and apparel & accessory stores continued their normal post-holiday layoffs.

Approximately 5,000 jobs have been added to nonagricultural payrolls over the past twelve months, reflecting an annual growth rate of 2.2 percent. In comparison to recent years, this is a relatively slow rate of growth. The Albuquerque area experienced job growth above six percent in both 1984 and 1985.

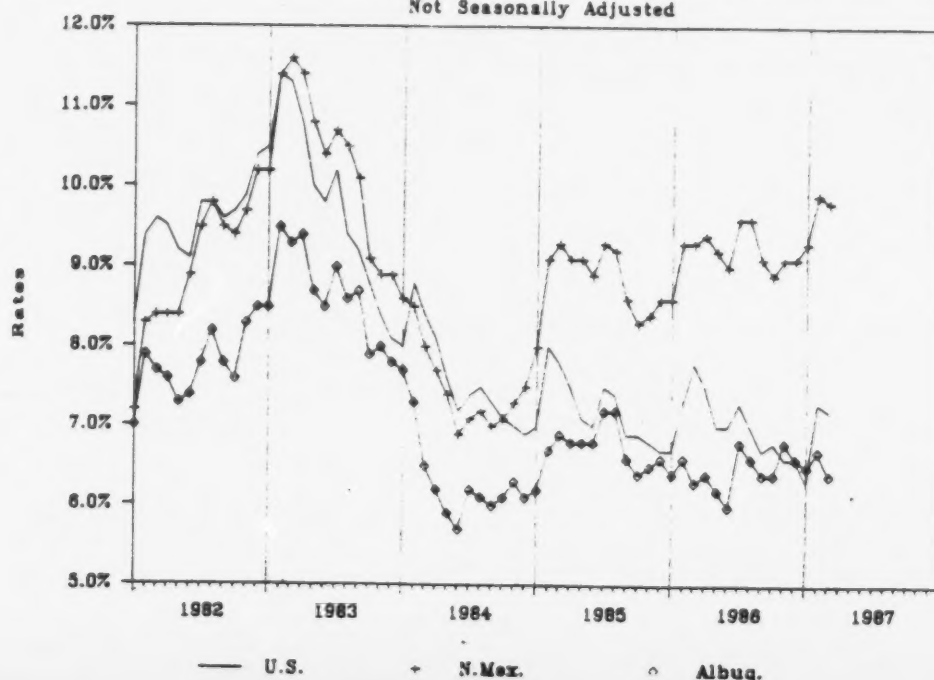
As usual, the largest increases this February were seen in services and trade, as health services, business services, miscellaneous services, eating & drinking places, and food stores all registered employment gains. Construction, particularly building construction, and finance, insurance, & real estate also registered over-the-year advances. Local government has added 600 employees over the year, but State government shows a decrease of 1,400 since last February. Manufacturing has experienced almost no change in total employment in the past twelve months.

FEBRUARY SUMMARY

	Prel. Feb. 1987	Revised Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Change From Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	256,300	255,100	247,100	+1,200	+9,200
Employment	239,900	237,900	231,600	+2,000	+8,300
Unemployment	16,400	17,200	15,500	- 800	+ 900
Rate	6.4%	6.7%	6.3%		

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM FEB 1987	REVISED JAN 1987	REVISED FEB 1986	FEB CHANGE FROM	
				JAN 1987	FEB 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	228,100	226,500	223,100	1,600	5,000
MINING	200	200	200	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	16,300	16,400	15,800	-100	500
MANUFACTURING	19,300	19,300	19,300	0	0
Durable Goods	13,900	13,900	13,800	0	100
Nondurable Goods	5,400	5,400	5,500	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,500	12,500	12,300	0	200
Transportation	6,100	6,100	5,800	0	300
Communication	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,200	58,600	56,400	-400	1,800
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,100	14,000	14,100	100	0
Durable Goods	9,600	9,500	9,500	100	100
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
RETAIL TRADE	44,100	44,600	42,300	-500	1,800
General Merchandise Stores	4,700	5,000	4,600	-300	100
Food Stores	5,100	5,100	4,700	0	400
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	16,800	16,700	16,200	100	600
Other Retail Trade	12,700	13,000	12,100	-300	600
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	14,500	14,600	13,900	-100	600
Banking	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	-100
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	4,200	4,200	3,900	0	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	7,200	7,300	6,800	-100	400
SERVICES	62,500	61,700	59,900	800	2,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,700	3,800	3,600	-100	100
Personal Services	3,300	3,200	3,100	100	200
Business Services	20,100	20,000	19,600	100	500
Health Services	14,300	14,200	13,600	100	700
Social Services	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,600	1,800	0	-200
Other Services	16,600	16,000	15,400	600	1,200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	44,600	43,200	45,300	1,400	-700
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,800	12,700	12,700	100	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	31,800	30,500	32,600	1,300	-800
State Government	12,300	11,200	13,700	1,100	-1,400
Local Government	19,500	19,300	18,900	200	600

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM FEB 1987	REVISED JAN 1987	REVISED FEB 1986	FEB CHANGE FROM JAN 1987	FEB 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	40,800	39,850	39,050	950	1,750
MINING	50	50	50	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2,600	2,500	100	200
MANUFACTURING	3,050	3,150	3,050	-100	0
Durable Goods	1,150	1,150	1,150	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1,900	2,000	1,900	-100	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,350	1,350	1,300	0	50
Transportation	500	500	500	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	800	0	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,700	7,800	7,600	-100	100
WHOLESALE TRADE	850	850	850	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	6,850	6,950	6,750	-100	100
General Merchandise Stores	900	950	850	-50	50
Food Stores	1,050	1,050	1,000	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	850	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,500	1,450	-50	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,550	0	0
SERVICES	6,100	6,050	5,600	50	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	750	750	500	0	250
Business Services	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Health Services	1,700	1,650	1,450	50	250
Social Services	250	250	250	0	0
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	-100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	18,300	17,300	17,400	1,100	900
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,300	4,400	4,400	-100	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	14,000	12,900	13,000	1,100	1,000
State Government	8,900	7,800	7,900	1,100	1,000
Local Government	5,100	5,100	5,100	0	0

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM FEB 1987	REVISED JAN 1987	REVISED FEB 1986	FEB CHANGE FROM JAN 1987	FEB 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	53,200	53,200	51,000	0	2,200
MINING	100	100	150	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,100	3,200	2,800	-100	300
MANUFACTURING	1,550	1,550	1,550	0	0
Durable Goods	950	950	950	0	0
Nondurable Goods	600	600	600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,150	1,350	0	-200
Transportation	400	400	400	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	950	0	-200
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,500	10,500	9,550	0	950
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,800	9,800	8,850	0	950
General Merchandise Stores	900	950	800	-50	100
Food Stores	1,800	1,800	1,250	0	550
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	750	800	50	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,700	3,700	3,600	0	100
Other Retail Trade	2,600	2,600	2,400	0	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,100	2,100	1,950	0	150
SERVICES	13,100	13,100	12,550	0	550
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,700	1,700	1,550	0	150
Business Services	2,900	3,000	3,100	-100	-200
Health Services	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	200
Social Services	600	600	600	0	0
Other Services	4,900	4,800	4,500	100	400
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	21,600	21,500	21,100	100	500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	20,100	20,000	19,600	100	500
State Government	16,300	16,300	15,900	0	400
Local Government	3,800	3,700	3,700	100	100

- 1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.
- 2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.
- 3/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS									
Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)									
	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986
MINING	\$470.60	\$502.22	\$511.68	41.1	40.6	41.6	11.45	12.37	12.30
CONSTRUCTION	\$397.41	\$391.32	\$382.95	36.9	36.1	33.8	10.77	10.84	11.33
MANUFACTURING	\$333.92	\$330.62	\$325.56	39.8	38.4	37.9	8.39	8.61	8.59
Durable Goods	\$333.63	\$341.05	\$333.52	40.1	38.8	37.9	8.32	8.79	8.80
Nondurable Goods	\$334.31	\$307.88	\$305.75	39.1	37.5	37.7	8.55	8.21	8.11
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	\$547.82	\$550.09	\$477.00	40.4	41.8	42.4	13.56	13.16	11.25
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	\$225.34	\$212.84	\$217.78	32.8	32.2	31.7	6.87	6.61	6.87
Wholesale Trade	\$404.61	\$382.39	\$393.41	40.1	39.3	40.6	10.09	9.73	9.69
Retail Trade	\$191.23	\$181.38	\$182.09	31.4	30.9	29.9	6.09	5.87	6.09
BANKING	\$251.34	\$249.37	\$231.66	42.1	41.7	40.5	5.97	5.98	5.72
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986
MANUFACTURING	\$370.52	\$348.66	\$339.00	40.1	39.0	39.1	9.24	8.94	8.67
Durable Goods	\$376.80	\$358.81	\$355.21	40.0	39.3	39.6	9.42	9.13	8.97
Nondurable Goods	\$318.06	\$314.12	\$290.27	38.0	37.8	37.6	8.37	8.31	7.72
NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.									

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Percent Change	
				Jan.'87-Feb.'87	Feb.'86-Feb.'87
CPI-U	334.4	333.1	327.5	+0.4%	+2.1%
CPI-W	329.0	327.7	323.2	+0.4%	+1.8%

Index Base Year 1967 = 100

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Construction is expected to begin shortly at Louisiana and San Antonio, N.E. on the 22,700-square-foot Vista Del Norte Plaza shopping center and the 168-unit Vista Del Sol apartment complex. Construction is expected by this summer on three large projects at Renaissance Center: a 100,000-square-foot office/showroom, a 168-unit luxury apartment complex, and a 126-unit motel. Bennigan's has opened its second Albuquerque restaurant at 6321 San Mateo, N.E.; the 275-seat facility employs about 100 workers. The family that owns the Territorial House restaurant in Corrales is building the first of what is planned to become a chain of fast-food restaurants; the facility is under construction on Menaul Blvd. west of San Mateo and is scheduled for an April opening. Construction has begun on a 92,000-square-foot shopping center at I-40 and NM 14 in Tijeras. Kennedy Lumber plans to relocate to the new center and expand into a full home supply/hardware store. Best West Properties Inc., a sister company of Mountain Bell, is planning to build a hotel office complex directly south of the Civic Plaza. The complex, to be named Albuquerque Plaza, will include a 450-room hotel, an 18-story office tower, and a 41,000-square-foot retail area. The project is contingent upon the city receiving \$12 million in federal Urban Development Action Grant funds. The project is expected to create 1,350 permanent jobs, 400 part-time jobs and 900 construction jobs. Dominos Pizza Corp. has opened a food distribution center on Midway Park Boulevard. The 5,400-square-foot facility will service stores in northern New Mexico, the Texas Panhandle and southern Colorado.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: Fluor Constructors Inc. of Irvine, California was awarded a \$197 million contract to construct the facilities for the first phase of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) ground-based free electron laser project at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) near Orogrande, NM. The first phase is

expected to employ up to 1,000 workers. Work on the SDI project is expected to begin within two months, according to Pentagon officials. Also at WSMR, Lockheed Engineering and Management Services was awarded a \$80 million contract to provide support services to the already existing High-Energy Laser Systems Test Facility, which is located about 25 miles west of Alamogordo.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: The most recent progress report from the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant shows 676 workers employed at the site, including Bechtel and Sandia Lab employees. The completion date for the concrete work on Brantley Dam has been revised to June, and the entire project is expected to be completed in early 1988.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: Furr's Supermarket in Clovis closed in mid-March, the result of a decision handed down by corporate headquarters in Lubbock, Texas. Furr's also announced plans to close stores in Roswell and Taos. The Clovis store employed about 30 workers.

FARMINGTON AREA: Work should begin shortly on a \$1.179 million renovation project at Farmington High School; the project will include replacing heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and electrical systems, and numerous other additions and improvements. An official for the contractor, Jaynes Corp., stated that most workers on the project would be from the Farmington area. San Juan College's Office Careers Program has been selected as one of only ten recipients nationwide of the U.S. Secretary of Education's Award for Outstanding Vocational Education Programs. El Paso Natural Gas Co. has announced that it is eliminating 55 jobs in the Farmington area. The layoffs were caused by lower sales of natural gas, primarily to its customers in California.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: The City of Grants has received approval for a \$200,000 loan from the State Department of Economic

Development and Tourism for development of an industrial park. The funding will pay for the installation of water, sewer, and utility lines, as well as street improvements. Sunwest Indian Arts, a local business that has outgrown its current facility, has expressed strong interest in relocating to the industrial park later this year. Alternative Bedding Corporation has temporarily laid off 21 employees; the employees are scheduled to return to work in two to three weeks.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: Construction on the Amoco Production Company carbon dioxide removal plant, located northeast of Hobbs near Denver City, Texas, is expected to be completed by mid-summer. Approximately 450 construction workers are employed at the Amoco facility. New Mexico Junior College, in partnership with General Motors Corp. (GM), will open a training center in Hobbs to teach high-technology auto mechanics. One of 39 such GM-supported programs around the country, the new center will initially have approximately 20 slots available. The program will give students 81 hours of college credit work leading up to an applied science degree in automotive technology.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Laboratory facilities are being built in the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Arrowhead Research Park for a new company, Bio-Recovery Systems Inc. (BSI). BSI, which currently employs 15 workers, is developing a device to remove dissolved metals from waste water, for use in industries such as metal plating and metal finishing. Once research and development work is completed on the process, BSI officials plan to locate a manufacturing operation in the area to produce the waste water units. Honeywell's Keyboard Division, formerly Micro Switch, recently laid off approximately 25 employees. Honeywell officials said their workforce will fluctuate in coming months in response to customer orders. The 70,000-square-foot Valu+ Discount Department store in Las Cruces is scheduled to close its doors in April, resulting in the layoff of about 50 workers.

LAS VEGAS AREA: San Miguel County was forced to lay off 22 employees in January because of a budget shortfall, and county officials indicate that further spending reductions may be necessary.

SANTA ROSA / TUCUMCARI AREA: J.W. Jones Construction Company of Albuquerque was the low bidder on a major highway project planned for U.S. 285 near the Guadalupe-Lincoln County line. The Jones firm bid \$3.4 million for the State Highway Department project.

SILVER CITY AREA: Tatsch Construction of Silver City has been awarded a \$1.2 million contract for additions to the Lordsburg High School. Chino Mines' new \$4 million crusher is now undergoing initial testing. The crusher will increase capacity at the copper concentrator from 40,000 to 45,000 tons of ore per day when fully on-line.

TAOS AREA: Furr's Supermarkets has announced the closing of its Taos store, effective April 28; about 30 store employees will lose their jobs. Investors have purchased Angel Fire Resort for an undisclosed amount. The resort employs approximately 500 full and part-time employees and is experiencing one of its most profitable seasons in its 22 year history. Employment in the Taos Ski Valley area was also up during the season. The Valley currently employs 623 people; however, the season is scheduled to end on April 11 when the number of employed will drop to 50. MolyCorp Inc. union members have voted to take a 28 percent cut in pay when and if the mine reopens. The mine had employed as many as 800 people before the low price of molybdenum forced it to close down last year.

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY 1987

REVISED JANUARY 1987

REVISED FEBRUARY 1986

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	669,438	604,038	65,400	9.8%	664,223	598,551	65,672	9.9%	653,334	592,842	60,492	9.3%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	256,357	239,929	16,428	6.4%	255,120	237,929	17,191	6.7%	247,140	231,595	15,545	6.3%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	55,056	50,973	4,083	7.4%	53,275	49,367	3,928	7.4%	52,367	48,291	4,076	7.8%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	63,227	59,172	4,055	6.4%	62,876	58,969	3,907	6.2%	60,971	57,326	3,645	6.0%
Catron	1,139	904	235	20.6%	1,073	870	203	18.9%	1,026	793	233	22.7%
Chaves	22,316	19,843	2,473	11.1%	22,287	19,933	2,354	10.6%	21,950	19,461	2,489	11.3%
Cibola	8,464	6,923	1,541	18.2%	8,481	6,942	1,539	18.1%	8,685	6,875	1,810	20.8%
Colfax	6,541	5,525	1,016	15.5%	6,595	5,612	983	14.9%	6,670	5,732	938	14.1%
Curry	17,378	15,917	1,461	8.4%	17,431	15,940	1,491	8.6%	16,751	15,473	1,278	7.6%
De Baca	839	734	105	12.5%	839	731	108	12.9%	867	741	126	14.5%
Eddy	21,641	18,725	2,916	13.5%	21,736	18,345	3,391	15.6%	22,229	18,687	3,542	15.9%
Grant	9,792	8,619	1,173	12.0%	9,738	8,529	1,209	12.4%	9,618	8,338	1,280	13.3%
Guadalupe	1,632	1,266	366	22.4%	1,648	1,310	338	20.5%	1,539	1,245	294	19.1%
Harding	403	353	50	12.4%	389	345	44	11.3%	415	366	49	11.8%
Hidalgo	2,361	2,214	147	6.2%	2,401	2,250	151	6.3%	2,411	2,235	176	7.3%
Lea	23,988	20,986	3,002	12.5%	23,778	20,860	2,918	12.3%	26,255	24,262	1,993	7.6%
Lincoln	6,740	6,076	664	9.9%	6,716	6,042	674	10.0%	6,440	5,875	565	8.8%
Luna	5,615	4,673	942	16.8%	5,560	4,629	931	16.7%	5,405	4,534	871	16.1%
McKinley	16,878	14,481	2,397	14.2%	16,944	14,428	2,516	14.8%	16,954	14,607	2,347	13.8%
Mora	1,172	691	481	41.0%	1,161	705	456	39.3%	1,381	800	581	42.1%
Otero	18,120	16,599	1,521	8.4%	17,793	16,306	1,487	8.4%	17,346	15,825	1,521	8.8%
Quay	4,388	3,951	437	10.0%	4,376	3,928	448	10.2%	4,274	3,818	456	10.7%
Rio Arriba	13,415	10,079	3,336	24.9%	13,051	10,023	3,028	23.2%	13,434	10,360	3,074	22.9%
Roosevelt	7,243	6,832	411	5.7%	7,046	6,623	423	6.0%	7,089	6,674	415	5.9%
Sandoval	21,585	19,502	2,083	9.7%	21,726	19,513	2,213	10.2%	20,761	18,803	1,958	9.4%
San Juan	35,124	28,622	6,502	18.5%	34,979	28,708	6,271	17.9%	34,664	30,029	4,635	13.4%
San Miguel	9,727	8,230	1,497	15.4%	9,283	7,827	1,456	15.7%	9,462	8,049	1,413	14.9%
Sierra	2,478	2,218	260	10.5%	2,451	2,196	255	10.4%	2,284	2,094	190	8.3%
Socorro	5,842	5,236	606	10.4%	5,576	4,995	581	10.4%	5,719	5,188	531	9.3%
Taos	10,086	7,136	2,950	29.2%	10,060	7,130	2,930	29.1%	10,618	8,150	2,468	23.2%
Torrance	3,142	2,713	429	13.7%	3,132	2,697	435	13.9%	3,022	2,615	407	13.5%
Union	1,880	1,689	191	10.2%	1,857	1,691	166	8.9%	1,951	1,795	156	8.0%
Valencia	14,869	13,227	1,642	11.0%	14,845	13,198	1,647	11.1%	13,636	12,206	1,430	10.5%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

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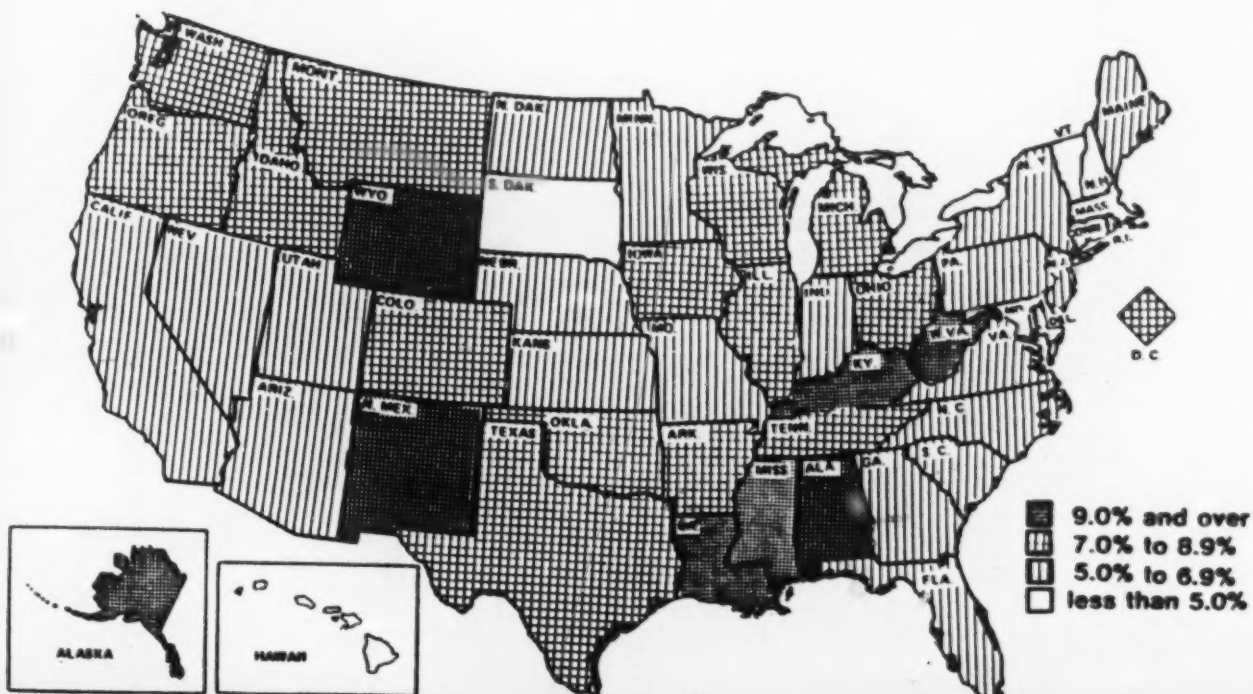
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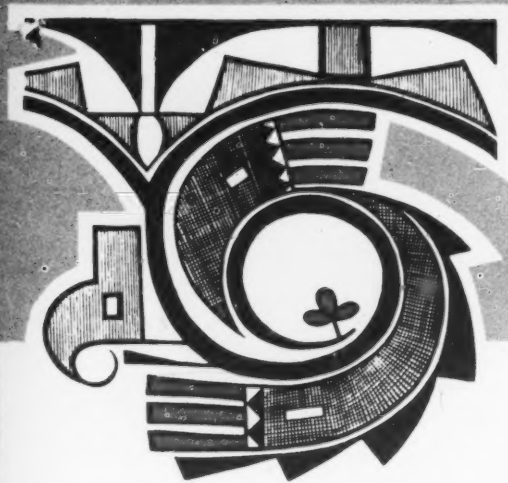
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The unemployment situation in New Mexico showed improvement in March, according to preliminary labor force estimates. The State's unemployment rate declined from 9.6 to 9.2 percent, and the number of jobless fell by 2,300 from February. New Mexico's jobless rate is now slightly below one year ago, a welcome comparison after the worsening unemployment experienced over the last two years. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) in March was 6.9 percent, down from the February rate of 7.2 percent.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment across the State grew by 3,900 jobs in March, with much of the additional workers in the construction, services and government sectors. Most of these increases are expected this time of year as warmer weather prevails and tourism begins to gain momentum for the approaching summer season. Industries such as eating and lodging places normally add several hundred jobs during this time of year.

The increase in government jobs was largely in the state sector as the various universities in New Mexico continued to add jobs (mostly part-time workstudy positions) for the spring semester.

Mining employment remained unchanged from February, a welcome relief from the drastic reductions seen in the industry in the last year. Manufacturing employment added a small number of jobs over the month, mostly in the transportation equipment area. Electronic equipment manufacturing lost 100 jobs in March, putting the industry about 300 jobs below the year ago level. Better times may be on the horizon for electronic equipment, however, as the U.S. semiconductor industry is showing signs of a rebound. In anticipation of this, Intel has announced plans to expand its manufacturing operations in Rio Rancho, with additional hiring of approximately 300 workers expected by mid-1988.

Nonfarm payroll employment in New Mexico is now 7,900 or a rather meager 1.5 percent above one year ago. Much of this growth has occurred in the large trade and services industries, with increases of 2.7 and 4.4 percent respectively. Three major industries have lost employment since last March; mining has plummeted by 3,000 jobs or 17 percent, construction is down by 800, and transportation & utilities has 600 fewer jobs than one year ago.

	Prel. Mar. 1987	Revised Feb. 1987	Revised Mar. 1986	Change From Feb. 1987	Change From Mar. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	674,600	668,700	660,500	+5,900	+14,100
Employment	612,400	604,200	598,500	+8,200	+13,900
Unemployment	62,200	64,500	62,000	-2,300	+ 200
Rate	9.2%	9.6%	9.4%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM MAR 1987	REVISED FEB 1987	REVISED MAR 1986	MAR CHANGE FROM FEB 1987	MAR 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	531,200	527,300	523,300	3,900	7,900
MINING	14,700	14,700	17,700	0	-3,000
Metal Mining	1,900	1,900	2,300	0	-400
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,900	8,900	11,400	0	-2,500
CONSTRUCTION	33,400	32,600	34,200	800	-800
MANUFACTURING	37,100	37,000	36,500	100	600
DURABLE GOODS	24,100	24,000	24,000	100	100
Lumber & Wood Products	2,600	2,600	2,400	0	200
Machinery(except electric)	2,400	2,400	2,700	0	-300
Elec & Electronic Equip	4,300	4,400	4,600	-100	-300
Transportation Equipment	4,300	4,100	4,000	200	300
Other Durable Goods	10,500	10,500	10,300	0	200
NONDURABLE GOODS	13,000	13,000	12,500	0	500
Food & Kindred Products	4,100	4,100	3,800	0	300
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,500	6,500	6,300	0	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,900	28,800	29,500	100	-600
TRANSPORTATION	12,900	12,700	12,700	200	200
Railroad Transportation	2,100	2,100	2,300	0	-200
Trucking & Warehousing	6,000	5,800	5,900	200	100
Other Transportation	4,800	4,800	4,500	0	300
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16,000	16,100	16,800	-100	-800
Communication	6,700	6,700	7,100	0	-400
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,300	9,400	9,700	-100	-400
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	126,300	126,100	123,000	200	3,300
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,400	22,300	22,600	100	-200
Durable Goods	13,400	13,300	13,300	100	100
Nondurable Goods	9,000	9,000	9,300	0	-300
RETAIL TRADE	103,900	103,800	100,400	100	3,500
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,300	4,200	4,400	100	-100
General Merchandise Stores	12,000	12,000	11,300	0	700
Food Stores	15,600	15,900	14,700	-300	900
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,200	13,100	12,800	100	400
Apparel & Accessories	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0
Furniture & Furnishing	4,500	4,500	4,300	0	200
Eating & Drinking Places	37,000	36,800	36,100	200	900
Miscellaneous Retail	12,000	12,000	11,500	0	500
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	27,000	26,900	26,400	100	600
Banking	8,000	8,000	8,200	0	-200
Insurance Carriers	3,800	3,800	3,500	0	300
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Real Estate	6,300	6,200	6,100	100	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,000	6,000	5,800	0	200
SERVICES	121,100	119,900	116,000	1,200	5,100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11,500	11,200	10,400	300	1,100
Personal Services	6,100	6,200	5,900	-100	200
Business Services	28,400	27,900	27,700	500	700
Health Services	30,200	29,900	28,500	300	1,700
Legal Services	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	200
Educational Services	5,300	5,300	5,200	0	100
Social Services	6,400	6,200	7,100	200	-700
Membership Organizations	6,300	6,200	5,600	100	700
Other Services	22,800	22,900	21,700	-100	1,100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	142,700	141,300	140,000	1,400	2,700
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	30,500	30,200	29,900	300	600
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	112,200	111,100	110,100	1,100	2,100
State Government 2/	52,500	51,600	51,800	900	700
Local Government	59,700	59,500	58,300	200	1,400

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

According to preliminary labor force estimates, the Albuquerque area unemployment situation improved somewhat between February and March. The unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent from February's level of 6.3 percent, as unemployment dipped slightly while employment rose by considerably more than the seasonally expected amount.

The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in the Albuquerque area rose by 2,300 between February and March. State government contributed a major portion of this greater-than-normal movement as the university continued to add workers for the spring semester. Within other industrial divisions, the largest gains were seasonal in nature, as the construction industry responded to warmer weather with increased activity and eating & drinking places began its annual buildup toward the summer peak. On the down side, general merchandise stores reduced payrolls in a normal seasonal move, while food stores and firms categorized under "other services" cut employment in response to slackened demand.

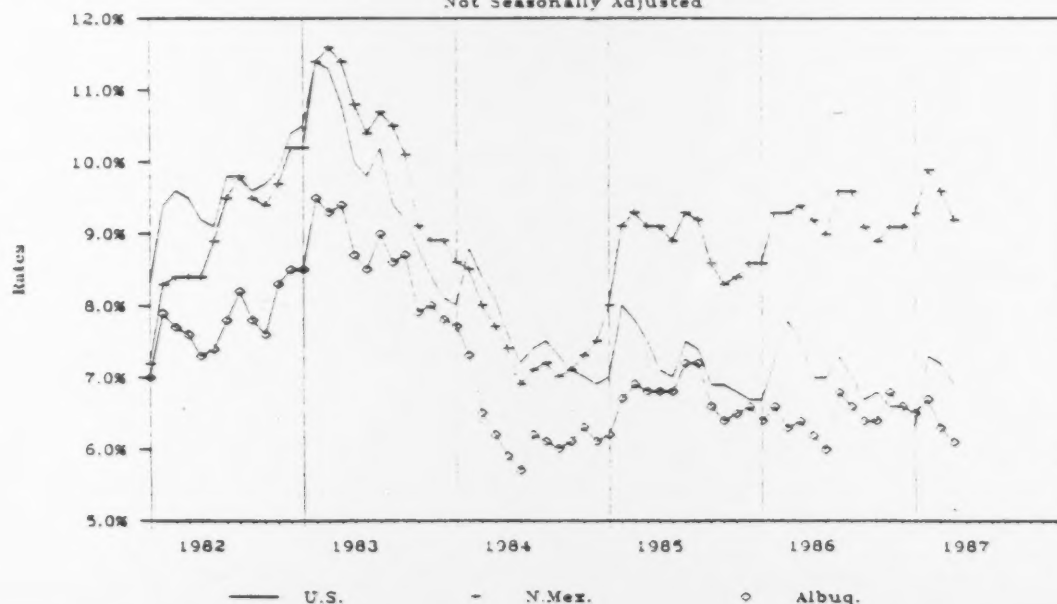
Nonagricultural payroll employment now stands 6,700 jobs higher than one year ago, a gain of only three percent over the year. However, notable job gains are seen in certain sectors when March 1987 is compared to March 1986. Establishments in health services and motor freight & warehousing have added many new workers during the year. Eating & drinking places and lodging places are both up strongly over the year, reflecting the opening of several new establishments. The solid advance shown in construction is concentrated in building construction; however, it should be remembered that the year-ago figure reflects an abnormal recession occurring in the construction industry at that time. Total manufacturing employment has not risen at all since a year ago; within the division, job gains in transportation equipment, professional & scientific instruments, and printing & publishing have been countered by losses in fabricated metal, stone, clay, & glass, and food.

MARCH SUMMARY

	Prel. Mar. 1987	Revised Feb. 1987	Revised Mar. 1986	Change From Feb. 1987	Change From Mar. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	259,200	256,800	249,600	+2,400	+9,600
Employment	243,300	240,600	233,600	+2,700	+9,700
Unemployment	15,900	16,200	16,000	- 300	- 100
Rate	6.1%	6.3%	6.4%		

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM MAR 1987	REVISED FEB 1987	REVISED MAR 1986	MAR CHANGE FROM FEB MAR 1987 1986	
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	231,100	228,800	224,400	2,300	6,700
MINING	200	200	200	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	16,900	16,300	16,100	600	800
MANUFACTURING	19,300	19,300	19,300	0	0
Durable Goods	13,900	13,900	13,900	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,500	12,400	12,200	100	300
Transportation	6,100	6,000	5,800	100	300
Communication	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,500	58,400	56,600	100	1,900
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,200	14,100	14,100	100	100
Durable Goods	9,700	9,600	9,500	100	200
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
RETAIL TRADE	44,300	44,300	42,500	0	1,800
General Merchandise Stores	4,700	4,800	4,600	-100	100
Food Stores	4,900	5,100	4,800	-200	100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	17,200	16,900	16,200	300	1,000
Other Retail Trade	12,700	12,700	12,200	0	500
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	14,600	14,400	14,000	200	600
Banking	3,200	3,100	3,200	100	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	4,200	4,200	3,900	0	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	7,200	7,100	6,900	100	300
SERVICES	63,300	62,900	60,500	400	2,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,900	3,800	3,500	100	400
Personal Services	3,300	3,300	3,100	0	200
Business Services	20,400	20,200	19,800	200	600
Health Services	14,600	14,400	13,700	200	900
Social Services	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Membership Organizations	1,700	1,600	1,800	100	-100
Other Services	16,500	16,700	15,700	-200	800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	45,800	44,900	45,500	900	300
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	13,200	13,100	12,700	100	500
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	32,600	31,800	32,800	800	-200
State Government	13,000	12,300	13,700	700	-700
Local Government	19,500	19,500	19,100	100	500

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	MAR CHANGE FROM	
	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	FEB 1987	MAR 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	41,200	40,900	39,400	300	1,800
MINING	50	50	50	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2,600	2,600	100	100
MANUFACTURING	3,100	3,050	3,100	50	0
Durable Goods	1,200	1,150	1,200	50	0
Nondurable Goods	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,350	1,350	1,350	0	0
Transportation	500	500	500	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	850	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,600	7,700	7,500	-100	100
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	850	850	-50	-50
RETAIL TRADE	6,800	6,850	6,650	-50	150
General Merchandise Stores	850	900	800	-50	50
Food Stores	1,050	1,050	1,000	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	850	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,450	1,400	0	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,550	1,550	50	50
SERVICES	6,100	6,100	5,550	0	550
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	750	750	500	0	250
Business Services	1,150	1,150	950	0	200
Health Services	1,650	1,650	1,450	0	200
Social Services	250	250	250	0	0
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	-100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	18,700	18,500	17,700	200	1,000
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,400	4,300	4,500	100	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	14,300	14,200	13,200	100	1,100
State Government	9,100	9,000	8,100	100	1,000
Local Government	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	MAR CHANGE FROM	
	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	FEB 1987	MAR 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	54,050	53,450	51,150	600	2,900
MINING	100	100	150	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,100	3,100	2,800	0	300
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,600	1,550	0	50
Durable Goods	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Nondurable Goods	600	600	600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,150	1,300	0	-150
Transportation	400	400	400	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	900	0	-150
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,400	10,450	9,550	-50	850
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	650	0	50
RETAIL TRADE	9,700	9,750	8,900	-50	800
General Merchandise Stores	900	900	800	0	100
Food Stores	1,800	1,850	1,250	-50	550
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	850	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0
Other Retail Trade	2,600	2,600	2,400	0	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,200	2,100	1,950	100	250
SERVICES	13,500	13,150	12,750	350	750
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,700	1,700	1,550	0	150
Business Services	3,100	3,000	3,100	100	0
Health Services	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
Social Services	600	550	600	50	0
Other Services	5,100	4,900	4,600	200	500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	22,000	21,800	21,100	200	900
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	20,500	20,300	19,600	200	900
State Government	16,500	16,300	15,900	200	600
Local Government	4,000	4,000	3,700	0	300

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS									
Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)									
	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986
MINING	\$498.00	\$492.07	\$493.14	41.5	40.6	39.2	12.00	12.12	12.58
CONSTRUCTION	\$402.04	\$405.08	\$394.13	38.0	38.0	35.7	10.58	10.66	11.04
MANUFACTURING	\$345.42	\$339.86	\$347.21	40.4	39.2	39.5	8.55	8.67	8.79
Durable Goods	\$354.85	\$351.43	\$346.14	41.6	39.8	39.2	8.53	8.83	8.83
Nondurable Goods	\$308.51	\$315.78	\$349.27	37.9	38.0	40.1	8.14	8.31	8.71
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	\$545.92	\$553.25	\$504.18	40.2	40.8	42.8	13.58	13.56	11.78
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	\$219.93	\$219.79	\$214.56	32.2	31.9	31.6	6.83	6.89	6.79
Wholesale Trade	\$395.21	\$386.88	\$378.95	39.8	39.0	40.4	9.93	9.92	9.38
Retail Trade	\$188.19	\$187.58	\$182.09	30.7	30.5	29.9	6.13	6.15	6.09
BANKING	\$241.72	\$241.59	\$235.07	40.9	40.4	40.6	5.91	5.98	5.79
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986	MAR 1987	FEB 1987	MAR 1986
MANUFACTURING	\$369.65	\$367.08	\$342.14	40.8	39.9	39.6	9.06	9.20	8.64
Durable Goods	\$379.55	\$375.74	\$356.57	41.3	40.1	40.2	9.19	9.37	8.87
Nondurable Goods	\$336.96	\$337.35	\$299.41	39.0	39.0	37.9	8.64	8.65	7.90
NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.									

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Lovelace Medical Center laid off 93 employees in late March. The employees who were laid off represent approximately 4 percent of the hospital's workforce. Low hospital occupancy was cited as the main reason for the layoffs. Seven Bar Airport has closed after 40 years in business. The airport shut down after the high cost of land in the area made it economically unfeasible to maintain operations. BDM Corp. has started building a 160,000-square-foot addition to its Albuquerque research and development complex. The \$22 million project will nearly double the existing facility, and increase the work force by approximately 250 employees. The expansion is scheduled to be completed in May of 1988. Work is scheduled to began on a \$2 million retail center in Rio Rancho. The 32,000-square-foot center will be located at the corner of Southern Boulevard and Western Hills Drive. Pacific Realty Corp. is seeking city approval for The Village at Renaissance, a

12-acre apartment complex that will include six buildings with 334 units. The apartment complex will be the first project of the 240-acre Renaissance Center at I-25 and Montano. Construction has begun on a \$2.2 million Mazda dealership at Ellison and I-25. An Albuquerque developer plans to start construction on a large office and retail center southeast of the intersection of Wyoming and Academy. The new center will be called Sycamore Plaza and will be situated on 65 acres. The initial phase of the center will contain 64,000 square feet of office space and should be completed by late November. AmeriWest Campbell Ranch project, a proposed residential development on North 14 east of Albuquerque, may now include 80 acres for a high tech research and development facility. Construction on the development, which will include 1,400 units on 3,600 acres, is not scheduled to start until the summer of 1988. A 12-screen movie theater with total seating

capacity of 2,800 is scheduled to open May 20 in the Four Hills Shopping Center.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: A Hobbs firm, Estacado Inc., has proposed constructing a \$2.5 million gas pipeline from Corona to Ruidoso to feed the Ruidoso area. The State Public Service Commission must rule favorably on proposed increased gas rates before the pipeline project can be undertaken. Ski Apache closed its facilities for the season in mid-April, resulting in the layoff of about 250 workers. Ruidoso Downs is scheduled to open for the 1987 racing season in early May.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Brantley Dam, which is 75% complete, faces a temporary shutdown unless a \$6 million shortfall in funding can be found to finance the project through the current fiscal year. Without a shutdown, Brantley Dam should be completed in mid-1988, with a lake and 1,000 acre park open to the public in early 1989. Monterey Construction, the contractor for Brantley Dam, currently employs about 400 workers on the project. Recent progress reports for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant show 600 workers at the site. Rose Gravel Company officials have announced plans to scale down operations, resulting in the layoff of about 50 workers. According to company officials, much of the firm's equipment will be "mothballed until improved economic conditions return".

DEMING / LORDSBURG AREA: An Arizona housing manufacturer has announced plans to locate a plant in Lordsburg which could employ up to 100 workers. R. A. Bangerter, owner of Golden Eagle Manufacturing Company, plans to manufacture moveable housing and metal structures such as water tanks at the Lordsburg facility. A timetable for construction of the facilities was not disclosed. A Taiwanese car radio manufacturer, Autotek Inc., plans to locate a small twin plant operation in the Columbus International Industrial Park, located on the U.S.- Mexico border south of Deming. Construction on the facility,

which will employ about 30 persons on the Mexican side and 15 in the U.S., could begin as soon as this June, according to company officials.

FARMINGTON AREA: Okanagan Dried Fruits, a fruit processing company from British Columbia, has decided to open a branch in Farmington. The branch will employ 30 to 40 people and will process 4 to 5 million pounds of dried fruit annually.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Giant Industries Inc. has completed a \$12 million isomerization unit at its Ciniza Refinery. The unit is only the fourth of its kind in the country and will produce 5,000 barrels of unleaded gasoline per day. The Navajo Tribe will receive federal funding in excess of \$98 million for the 1987 fiscal year. The funds are for road construction and repair, building and renovation of hospitals, an irrigation project, and job training funds. New facilities for Crownpoint Indian Hospital are scheduled to open on May 4. A total of 57 new members will be added to the current hospital staff of 114. Utah International Inc. is using vacation shutdowns to save jobs at three of its northwestern New Mexico coal operations. About 850 employees will be affected by the shutdowns which will total approximately 5 weeks in length. A contract will be awarded late this spring to convert Gallup's old railroad depot into a transportation center. The depot would be a stop for buses, Amtrak passengers, taxis and package service.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: Hobbs has been selected as the site of the state fire training school for 1987. Approximately 900 firefighters from across the state will convene at various sites in Hobbs, including at New Mexico Junior College, for one week this August. Community leaders estimate that the training will bring approximately \$1 million into the area economy. Hobbs schools face a \$1 million loss in funds for the 1987/88 school year due to declining enrollment, according to school officials. The funding loss is expected to equate to a

reduction of about 30 jobs in the school system. Late March oil drilling rig activity in the Permian Basin showed a total of 122 operating rigs, compared with 156 rigs in operation in the same period in 1986.

LAS CRUCES AREA: The Dona Ana County Planning and Zoning Commission approved plans in late March for a U.S.- Mexico border crossing near Santa Teresa which will be used initially for the transportation of cattle. Present plans for the crossing facilities include building more than 100 pens and corrals to handle the 150,000 cattle per year anticipated to come through the crossing. Fluor Constructors, the contractor for the huge Strategic Defense Initiative laser facility to be located at White Sands Missile Range, has established temporary offices in Las Cruces employing about 20 persons. Fluor Constructors, of Irvine, CA, received a \$197 million contract in March to build the laser's technical and support facilities. Fluor plans to spend about \$6 million on the project this year completing site preparation and communications services. The project is expected to employ up to 1,500 workers when fully underway. The first phase of the laser project is expected to be completed by early 1990. Borman Ford in Las Cruces received a building permit in April for the construction of a \$940,000 garage, repair shop and showroom facility. The Mesilla Valley Hospital opened its doors in April; the 30-bed psychiatric facility encompasses 24,000 square-feet.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Of the 146 Los Alamos Lab employees scheduled to be laid off during April only 66 were let go. The remaining 80 employees either retired or found other jobs within the laboratory. The reduction-in-force, along with a hiring freeze, may be enough to enable the lab to meet its FY 88 budget. After the current external hiring freeze is lifted, hiring at the lab will be limited to replacing the natural attrition of about 3 percent per year, or about 200 to 300 employees annually.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corporation (TMC) officials announced plans to move manufacturing divisions currently located in Michigan to Roswell, joining TMC's greyhound bus division located in the Roswell Industrial Air Park. The size of the Roswell plant's workforce will depend on demand for buses; however, approximately 500 workers could be added to the firm's current 1,000 payroll. TMC will construct a new 200,00-square-foot building to handle the new production line. As an incentive to locate the plant in Roswell, the State of New Mexico will purchase approximately \$20 million in severance tax bonds to finance the TMC plant expansion. Employment at the Levi Strauss apparel plant in Roswell has increased by approximately 150 in recent months due to expanded demand for the firm's products. According to Levi officials, the Roswell plant's current production of 90,000 pairs of pants per week is the highest in its 21-year history.

SANTA FE AREA: Construction has begun on a 71,800 square-foot Sears department store in the Villa Linda Mall. Sears officials are predicting a September 16 opening for the store which is expected to cost nearly \$3 million to build. Construction has begun on a new campus for Santa Fe community college; an Albuquerque corporation was awarded the \$11.1 million dollar contract. The city has recommended approval for a proposed 7.8-acre convalescent center and medical research facility. The facility, located on St. Michael's Drive, will have outpatient services as well as between 20 and 25 hospital beds.

SILVER CITY AREA: Phelps Dodge is planning a 20 percent increase in capacity for the solvent extraction-electrowinning plant at the Tyrone copper mine. Phelps Dodge is also considering locating an SW-EW plant at its Chino Mines property.

TUCUMCARI AREA: Mountain States Construction is continuing work on a \$1 million street project in Tucumcari and repavement work on Interstate 40.

THE IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA) will have an impact on every employer, both large and small, in America. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is in the process of preparing the final version of the regulations and other material to implement this law. Meanwhile, what follows is an informal summary of some of the major impacts on, and responsibilities of, employers under the new legislation as it now stands.

The INS suggests that from now until June 1, 1987 employers should inform each new job applicant, either in writing or verbally, that all new employees will be required to complete the designated employer verification forms. These forms will be available by June 1, 1987.

Under the new legislation employers are responsible, beginning June 1, 1987, for verifying the legal status of employees hired on or after November 7, 1986 providing that the employee is still working for the employer as of June 1, 1987. There is no requirement to verify the status of employees hired before November 7, 1986 but the employer should be aware that the fact that an illegal alien was on the payroll before November 7, 1986 does not grant him or her the legal right to remain in the U.S. He or she is still subject to apprehension and removal. Once apprehended, the illegal alien has 30 days in which to apply for legal status.

After June 1, 1987 employers should:

- 1) Continue to inform each new job applicant that he/she will, if hired, have to complete the verification form designated by INS to certify that they are eligible for employment.
- 2) Require all new employees to complete and sign the verification form.
- 3) Examine the documentation presented by new employees, determine to the best of their knowledge and belief that the documents are valid, record information from the documents on the verification form, and sign the form. (Note: the verification form must be completed within three days of the date the employee was hired.)
- 4) Retain the verification form and copies of all documents which establish identity/employment authorization for three years or for one year after termination of that person's employment, whichever is longer.
- 5) If requested, present the form for inspection by INS or Dept. of Labor officers within three days of the request.

The period from June 1, 1987 to May 31, 1988 has been designated as a Warning Period. During this time a warning will be issued to an employer for a first offense regarding the hiring, recruiting or referring for a fee of any unauthorized alien. Subsequent offenses may result in fines. However, the first-offense warning does not apply to the law's record-keeping provisions. Starting on June 1, 1988 all employer sanctions are in full effect, including civil penalties up to \$10,000 for each unauthorized alien.

Under the new immigration legislation some illegal aliens may qualify for the following programs:

- Legalization program. If the alien has not been out of the United States for more than 45 days at one time, 180 days total, since January 1, 1982 then they may apply for legal resident status beginning May 5, 1987 until May 4, 1988.

- Seasonal Agricultural Workers program (SAW). Two groups of workers employed in the perishable agricultural commodities industry are eligible to apply for legal resident status under the SAW program.

Group 1. A maximum of 350,000 illegal aliens may apply for status as temporary residents if they have worked in this industry in the U.S. for at least 90 days a year for 3 years between May 1, 1983 and May 1, 1986. After 1 year of temporary status this group may apply for adjustment to permanent resident status.

Group 2. An uncapped number of illegal aliens employed in this industry in the U.S. for at least 90 days between May 1, 1985 and May 1, 1986 may apply for status as temporary residents. After 2 years of temporary status this group may apply for adjustment to permanent resident status.

More detailed information and forms will be available in the near future. In addition, workshops and seminars for New Mexico employers, such as the one held at the Albuquerque Convention Center on April 22, 1987 with 195 employers and government personnel in attendance, will be conducted in various locations throughout the state to help New Mexico employers stay well informed on all aspects of the new immigration law.

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NEW WAGE SURVEY FOR ALBUQUERQUE AREA IS NOW AVAILABLE

The 1987 Albuquerque Small Employer Wage Survey is now available from the New Mexico Employment Security Department. This year's survey lists entry, average, high, and low salaries for 110 occupations at approximately 700 companies in the Albuquerque area which employ between 20 and 100 workers. Copies of the wage survey may be obtained free of charge by calling (505) 841-8645 or by writing to the following address:

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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY MARCH 1987

REVISED FEBRUARY 1987

REVISED MARCH 1986

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	674,637	612,425	62,212	9.2%	668,694	604,242	64,452	9.6%	660,471	598,460	62,011	9.4%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	259,202	243,308	15,894	6.1%	256,759	240,584	16,175	6.3%	249,561	233,573	15,988	6.4%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	55,839	51,843	3,996	7.2%	54,733	50,853	3,880	7.1%	53,037	48,935	4,102	7.7%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	64,642	60,827	3,815	5.9%	63,409	59,417	3,992	6.3%	61,290	57,747	3,543	5.8%
Catron	1,138	884	254	22.3%	1,153	922	231	20.0%	998	761	237	23.7%
Chaves	22,369	20,214	2,155	9.6%	22,439	20,020	2,419	10.8%	22,210	19,878	2,332	10.5%
Cibola	8,490	7,060	1,430	16.8%	8,430	6,909	1,521	18.0%	8,695	6,936	1,759	20.2%
Colfax	6,524	5,571	953	14.6%	6,512	5,514	998	15.3%	6,744	5,848	896	13.3%
Curry	17,408	16,016	1,392	8.0%	17,327	15,884	1,443	8.3%	17,013	15,790	1,223	7.2%
De Baca	900	796	104	11.6%	833	733	100	12.0%	927	784	143	15.4%
Eddy	21,398	18,721	2,677	12.5%	21,537	18,686	2,851	13.2%	22,216	19,166	3,050	13.7%
Grant	9,676	8,590	1,086	11.2%	9,754	8,601	1,153	11.8%	9,643	8,405	1,238	12.8%
Guadalupe	1,659	1,323	336	20.3%	1,619	1,264	355	21.9%	1,605	1,325	280	17.4%
Harding	416	358	58	13.9%	399	352	47	11.8%	417	356	61	14.6%
Hidalgo	2,354	2,216	138	5.9%	2,350	2,205	145	6.2%	2,511	2,345	166	6.6%
Lea	23,286	20,434	2,852	12.2%	23,699	20,695	3,004	12.7%	25,992	23,606	2,386	9.2%
Lincoln	6,448	5,858	590	9.2%	6,568	5,909	659	10.0%	6,558	5,987	571	8.7%
Luna	5,556	4,678	878	15.8%	5,584	4,663	921	16.5%	5,396	4,527	869	16.1%
McKinley	16,758	14,444	2,314	13.8%	16,882	14,451	2,431	14.4%	17,170	14,915	2,255	13.1%
Mora	1,166	707	459	39.4%	1,168	690	478	40.9%	1,380	801	579	42.0%
Otero	18,237	16,792	1,445	7.9%	18,026	16,514	1,512	8.4%	17,432	15,928	1,504	8.6%
Quay	4,382	3,980	402	9.2%	4,371	3,942	429	9.8%	4,381	3,966	415	9.5%
Rio Arriba	13,736	10,549	3,187	23.2%	13,454	10,160	3,294	24.5%	13,314	10,237	3,077	23.1%
Roosevelt	7,355	6,951	404	5.5%	7,158	6,764	394	5.5%	7,217	6,820	397	5.5%
Sandoval	22,307	20,387	1,920	8.6%	21,764	19,676	2,088	9.6%	21,080	19,138	1,942	9.2%
San Juan	34,748	28,642	6,106	17.6%	34,877	28,468	6,409	18.4%	35,355	29,770	5,585	15.8%
San Miguel	10,085	8,665	1,420	14.1%	9,689	8,213	1,476	15.2%	10,208	8,778	1,430	14.0%
Sierra	2,428	2,197	231	9.5%	2,478	2,213	265	10.7%	2,359	2,173	186	7.9%
Socorro	5,798	5,227	571	9.8%	5,834	5,226	608	10.4%	5,797	5,267	530	9.1%
Taos	10,190	7,188	3,002	29.5%	10,056	7,121	2,935	29.2%	10,937	7,721	3,216	29.4%
Torrance	3,163	2,767	396	12.5%	3,126	2,708	418	13.4%	3,112	2,689	423	13.6%
Union	1,864	1,706	158	8.5%	1,867	1,685	182	9.7%	2,023	1,823	200	9.9%
Valencia	15,115	13,526	1,589	10.5%	14,839	13,200	1,639	11.0%	13,893	12,465	1,428	10.3%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

				Percent Change	
	<u>Mar. 1987</u>	<u>Feb. 1987</u>	<u>Mar. 1986</u>	<u>Feb. '87-Mar. '87</u>	<u>Mar. '86-Mar. '87</u>
CPI-U	335.9	334.4	326.0	+0.4%	+3.0%
CPI-W	330.5	329.0	321.4	+0.5%	+2.8%

Index Base Year 1967 = 100

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics



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New Mexico's unemployment situation continued to improve in April, according to preliminary labor force estimates. Across the state, the number of unemployed declined by 2,200 in April, while the number of persons with jobs increased by 6,900. Both changes were somewhat stronger than normally expected for the month, and as a result, the State's unemployment rate fell to 8.8 percent. New Mexico's unemployment rate has declined over a percentage point from the three-year high rate of 9.9 percent in January and now stands almost a half of a percentage point below one year ago. The national jobless rate (not seasonally adjusted) also declined during April, dropping from 6.9 to 6.2 percent.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment added 3,100 jobs during April. Construction activity continued its springtime expansion, adding 900 jobs during the month. Retail trade also grew by 900 jobs, with restaurants, building materials, and general merchandise stores posting most of the gain. Hiring at lodging places helped push employment in services up 800 during the month.

In manufacturing, the machinery, transportation equipment, and textile

subsectors expanded by 100 jobs each during April. Mining employment was relatively unchanged, but oil & gas extraction posted a small advance.

Over the last year, nonfarm payroll employment in New Mexico has grown by 6,400 jobs or 1.2 percent, compared with 2.5 percent growth nationwide. In New Mexico, employment is down sharply in mining, and to a lesser extent in construction and transportation & utilities. Employment growth in the remaining industries ranges from less than one percent in government to slightly over 4 percent in services. Nationally, job losses have occurred in mining and manufacturing since last April, while the remaining major industries posted growth rates ranging between two and six percent.

Current labor force estimates continue to highlight the contrast between the economic growth of New Mexico's metropolitan areas and its smaller towns and rural areas. Although the statewide unemployment rate in April was 8.8 percent, the jobless rate outside of the Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Las Cruces areas was 12.3 percent (See map on page 10).

	Prel. Apr. 1987	Revised Mar. 1987	Revised Apr. 1986	Change From Mar. 1987	Change From Apr. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	678,200	673,500	666,500	+4,700	+11,700
Employment	618,200	611,300	605,100	+6,900	+13,100
Unemployment	60,000	62,200	61,400	-2,200	-1,400
Rate	8.8%	9.2%	9.2%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM APR 1987	REVISED MAR 1987	REVISED APR 1986	APR CHANGE FROM MAR 1987	APR 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	532,700	529,600	526,300	3,100	6,400
MINING	14,400	14,300	16,500	100	-2,100
Metal Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	0	-200
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,600	3,600	4,300	0	-700
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,900	8,800	10,100	100	-1,200
CONSTRUCTION	34,000	33,100	35,100	900	-1,100
MANUFACTURING	37,700	37,400	36,900	300	800
DURABLE GOODS	24,500	24,300	24,300	200	200
Lumber & Wood Products	2,700	2,700	2,500	0	200
Machinery(except electric)	2,500	2,400	2,700	100	-200
Elec & Electronic Equip	4,300	4,300	4,700	0	-400
Transportation Equipment	4,400	4,300	4,000	100	400
Other Durable Goods	10,600	10,600	10,400	0	200
NONDURABLE GOODS	13,200	13,100	12,600	100	600
Food & Kindred Products	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	200
Textile & Apparel	2,500	2,400	2,300	100	200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,600	6,600	6,400	0	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,900	28,700	29,500	200	-600
TRANSPORTATION	12,800	12,700	12,900	100	-100
Railroad Transportation	2,100	2,100	2,400	0	-300
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	5,900	5,900	0	0
Other Transportation	4,800	4,700	4,600	100	200
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16,100	16,000	16,600	100	-500
Communication	6,700	6,700	6,800	0	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,400	9,300	9,800	100	-400
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	127,100	126,300	124,500	800	2,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,400	22,500	22,600	-100	-200
Durable Goods	13,500	13,500	13,400	0	100
Nondurable Goods	8,900	9,000	9,200	-100	-300
RETAIL TRADE	104,700	103,800	101,900	900	2,800
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,500	4,300	4,400	200	100
General Merchandise Stores	12,000	11,900	11,400	100	600
Food Stores	15,600	15,600	14,800	0	800
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,200	13,200	13,000	0	200
Apparel & Accessories	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	-100
Furniture & Furnishing	4,600	4,500	4,300	100	300
Eating & Drinking Places	37,400	37,000	37,200	400	200
Miscellaneous Retail	12,100	12,000	11,400	100	700
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	27,100	27,100	26,400	0	700
Banking	7,900	8,000	8,000	-100	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,800	3,800	3,500	0	300
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	200
Real Estate	6,400	6,300	6,300	100	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,000	6,000	5,800	0	200
SERVICES	122,000	121,200	117,200	800	4,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,100	11,500	11,100	600	1,000
Personal Services	6,200	6,200	6,100	0	100
Business Services	28,600	28,600	27,700	0	900
Health Services	30,000	30,000	28,700	0	1,300
Legal Services	4,000	4,100	3,900	-100	100
Educational Services	5,200	5,300	5,000	-100	200
Social Services	6,300	6,300	6,900	0	-600
Membership Organizations	6,600	6,300	6,000	300	600
Other Services	23,000	22,900	21,800	100	1,200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	141,500	141,500	140,200	0	1,300
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	30,800	30,500	29,800	300	1,000
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	110,700	111,000	110,400	-300	300
State Government 2/	51,200	51,500	52,100	-300	-900
Local Government	59,500	59,500	58,300	0	1,200

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

The Albuquerque area unemployment situation changed very little between March and April. According to preliminary estimates, there were 100 more people unemployed in April than in March; and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.1%. However, a drop of several hundred in the number of unemployed is normally expected at this time of year.

Between March and April 900 nonagricultural payroll jobs were added to the Albuquerque area economy, which is somewhat fewer than the normal seasonal increase. The strongest growth was recorded in the finance, insurance, & real estate division, as a seasonal employment gain occurred among real estate establishments. In the retail trade sector, eating & drinking places continued to add workers, although at a slower pace than in most previous March-April periods. In the manufacturing division, modest job gains in professional & scientific instruments, printing & publishing, and apparel overcame an unusual large drop in lumber & wood products. Construction payrolls grew by only 100

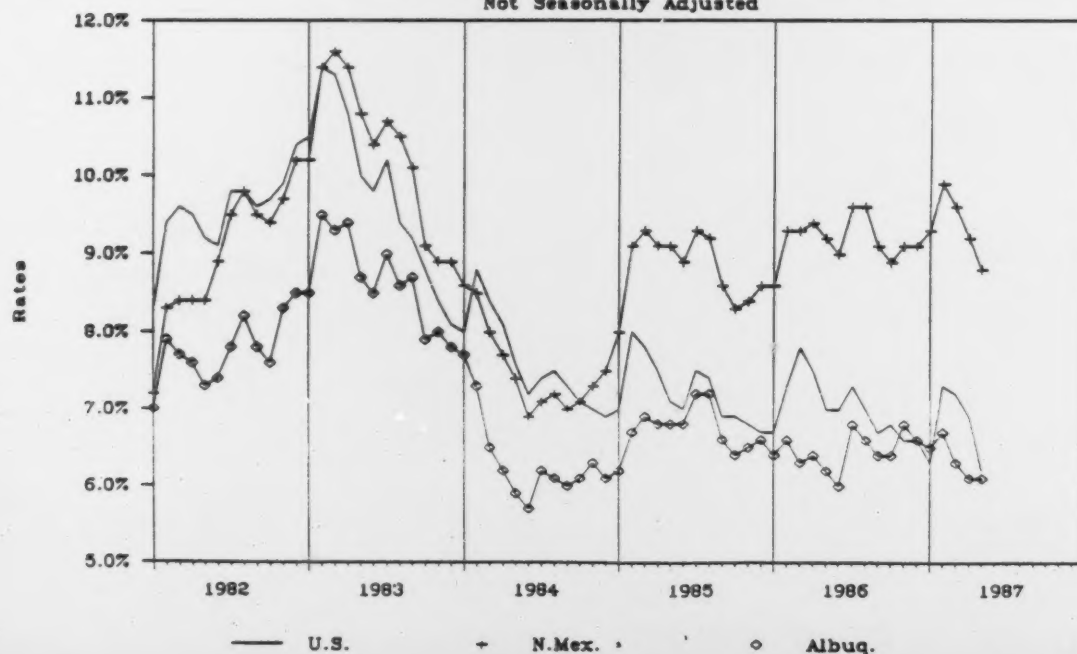
workers, about one-third the increase normally expected between March and April.

Compared to April 1986, there are now 5,200 more nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in the area, which translates to a rather meager 2.3 percent over-the-year growth. However, certain sectors exhibited stronger growth than the average. Led by insurance companies and credit agencies (savings and loans, credit unions, finance companies), finance, insurance, & real estate surpassed all other industrial divisions with an advance of five percent. Within other divisions, health services firms added 900 workers, firms categorized as "other services" added 800, and firms grouped under "other retail trade" added 700 since last April. Total manufacturing shows no change over the year. Within that division, however, jobs have been lost in fabricated metal, food, and stone, clay, glass, & concrete, while more jobs are now found in professional & scientific instruments, transportation equipment, apparel, and printing & publishing. Construction employment is up just slightly from its depressed level of a year ago.

	<u>Prel.</u> <u>Apr. 1987</u>	<u>Mar. 1987</u>	<u>Revised</u> <u>Apr. 1986</u>	<u>Change From</u> <u>Mar. 1987</u>	<u>Apr. 1986</u>
Civilian Labor Force	261,100	259,300	252,100	+1,800	+9,000
Employment	245,100	243,400	236,500	+1,700	+8,600
Unemployment	16,000	15,900	15,600	+100	+400
Rate	6.1%	6.1%	6.2%		

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM APR 1987	REVISED MAR 1987	REVISED APR 1986	APR CHANGE FROM MAR 1987	APR 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	231,600	230,700	226,400	900	5,200
MINING	200	200	200	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	17,000	16,900	16,800	100	200
MANUFACTURING	19,500	19,400	19,500	100	0
Durable Goods	14,000	14,000	14,000	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,400	5,500	100	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,400	12,400	12,200	0	200
Transportation	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	100
Communication	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,700	58,500	57,400	200	1,300
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,200	14,200	14,100	0	100
Durable Goods	9,700	9,700	9,500	0	200
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
RETAIL TRADE	44,500	44,300	43,300	200	1,200
General Merchandise Stores	4,600	4,700	4,700	-100	-100
Food Stores	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	200
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	17,200	17,000	16,800	200	400
Other Retail Trade	12,900	12,800	12,200	100	700
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	14,800	14,500	14,100	300	700
Banking	3,200	3,100	3,100	100	100
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	4,200	4,200	3,900	0	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	7,400	7,200	7,100	200	300
SERVICES	63,200	63,000	60,800	200	2,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4,000	3,900	3,800	100	200
Personal Services	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	100
Business Services	20,100	20,200	19,700	-100	400
Health Services	14,600	14,500	13,700	100	900
Social Services	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Membership Organizations	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
Other Services	16,600	16,500	15,800	100	800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	45,800	45,800	45,400	0	400
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	13,300	13,200	12,900	100	400
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	32,500	32,600	32,500	-100	0
State Government	12,900	13,000	13,600	-100	-700
Local Government	19,600	19,600	18,900	0	700

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM APR 1987	REVISED MAR 1987	REVISED APR 1986	APR CHANGE FROM MAR 1987	APR 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	40,000	39,850	39,750	150	250
MINING	50	50	100	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2,600	2,600	100	100
MANUFACTURING	3,050	3,050	3,100	0	-50
Durable Goods	1,250	1,150	1,200	100	50
Nondurable Goods	1,800	1,900	1,900	-100	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,350	1,350	1,300	0	50
Transportation	500	500	500	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	800	0	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,650	7,600	7,500	50	150
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	800	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	6,850	6,800	6,700	50	150
General Merchandise Stores	900	850	850	50	50
Food Stores	1,050	1,050	1,000	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	900	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,450	1,350	0	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,600	1,550	0	50
SERVICES	6,200	6,100	5,600	100	600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	800	750	550	50	250
Business Services	1,150	1,150	950	0	200
Health Services	1,700	1,650	1,550	50	150
Social Services	250	250	250	0	0
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	17,400	17,500	18,000	-100	-600
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,300	4,300	4,400	0	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	13,100	13,200	13,600	-100	-500
State Government	7,900	8,000	8,500	-100	-600
Local Government	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM APR 1987	REVISED MAR 1987	REVISED APR 1986	APR CHANGE FROM MAR 1987	APR 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	53,950	53,950	51,500	0	2,450
MINING	100	100	100	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,300	3,100	3,100	200	200
MANUFACTURING	1,550	1,550	1,600	0	-50
Durable Goods	950	950	1,000	0	-50
Nondurable Goods	600	600	600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,150	1,300	0	-150
Transportation	400	400	400	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	900	0	-150
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,500	10,350	9,650	150	850
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,800	9,650	8,950	150	850
General Merchandise Stores	950	900	850	50	100
Food Stores	1,850	1,850	1,200	0	650
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,700	3,600	3,600	100	100
Other Retail Trade	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,100	2,200	2,000	-100	100
SERVICES	13,650	13,500	12,650	150	1,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,850	1,700	1,650	150	200
Business Services	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Health Services	3,100	3,000	2,900	100	200
Social Services	600	600	600	0	0
Other Services	5,000	5,100	4,400	-100	600
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	21,600	22,000	21,100	-400	500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	20,100	20,500	19,600	-400	500
State Government	16,200	16,500	15,900	-300	300
Local Government	3,900	4,000	3,700	-100	200

- 1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.
- 2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.
- 3/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS
Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR 1987	MAR 1987	APR 1986	APR 1987	MAR 1987	APR 1986	APR 1987	MAR 1987	APR 1986
MINING	\$482.16	\$473.30	\$513.67	42.0	41.3	40.8	11.48	11.46	12.59
CONSTRUCTION	\$415.04	\$407.43	\$409.84	37.8	37.9	37.6	10.98	10.75	10.90
MANUFACTURING	\$350.21	\$344.11	\$345.07	40.3	40.2	39.8	8.69	8.56	8.67
Durable Goods	\$365.31	\$355.93	\$355.29	41.0	41.1	40.1	8.91	8.66	8.86
Nondurable Goods	\$315.83	\$318.66	\$322.22	38.8	38.3	39.2	8.14	8.32	8.22
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	\$557.73	\$561.79	\$461.61	41.1	41.8	41.4	13.57	13.44	11.15
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	\$229.82	\$218.64	\$214.05	34.2	32.2	31.9	6.72	6.79	6.71
Wholesale Trade	\$386.00	\$361.13	\$365.77	40.0	38.5	39.5	9.65	9.38	9.26
Retail Trade	\$199.32	\$191.27	\$184.22	33.0	31.0	30.4	6.04	6.17	6.06
BANKING	\$226.53	\$224.96	\$219.46	38.2	38.0	38.1	5.93	5.92	5.76
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	APR 1987	MAR 1987	APR 1986	APR 1987	MAR 1987	APR 1986	APR 1987	MAR 1987	APR 1986
MANUFACTURING	\$368.75	\$365.31	\$346.80	40.3	40.5	40.0	9.15	9.02	8.67
Durable Goods	\$382.12	\$379.55	\$359.16	41.0	41.3	40.4	9.32	9.19	8.89
Nondurable Goods	\$327.32	\$322.33	\$311.22	39.2	38.1	39.0	8.35	8.46	7.98

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Albuquerque Public Schools will be hiring approximately 213 new teachers and 155 classroom aids for the fall semester. The openings are the result of an estimated enrollment growth of about 3,000 students, as well as House Bill 602. The statute limits kindergarten and first-grade classes to 26 students; a classroom aide is required to assist the teacher if enrollment exceeds 20 in kindergarten and 23 in the first grade. Intel Corporation has begun construction of a 25,000 square-foot clean room module. The module is being constructed within the 600,000 square-foot wafer fabrication plant which was completed in mid-1986. Approximately 200 people will be hired over the next 13 to 15 months to staff the new module. Seven Bar Land and Cattle Company of Albuquerque and Simon and Associates of Indianapolis are planning a new large shopping mall for the west side. The mall will have about 1 million square feet of retail space and is expected to employ more than 1,000 people when completed. Construction will take about 18 months, with a

tentative completion date sometime in 1989 or 1990. The 2-story shopping mall will be built near Cibola High School on North Coors. Simon and Associates is the Nation's No.2 developer of shopping malls and has built more than 134 shopping centers in 25 states. The Beach Waterpark, a recreational facility at Interstate 25 and Montano Road, is scheduled to open June 15. The Beach will have a half-acre wave pool, four water slides, and a toddler pool with slides. AMREP Southwest and Merit Southwest Development Co. are planning a large retirement center in Rio Rancho. The facility will be called Sunrise Village Retirement Center and will be located east of the Mesa Shopping Center. Madden/Center City Associates is planning a \$100 Million hotel-office project for the downtown area. The complex will be built on land owned by the Sandia Foundation, west of I-25 between Mountain Road and Lomas. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for this fall; the project could take up to a decade to complete. The Albuquerque branch of Computer Sciences Corp. has been awarded an

\$11 million Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) contract. The firm will monitor the research and development activities required to provide SDI technology. GTE Communications has announced that they will manufacture new product lines in its Albuquerque plant. The product lines are fiber optics equipment, repeaters, and digital cross-connect systems. Construction will begin on four new post office buildings in and around Albuquerque this summer. Each 26,600-square-foot post office will be architecturally identical and should be open for business by next spring. Construction will start this month on the first phase of "Route 66 Shopping Center," a 22,000 square-foot facility that will cost \$1 million to build. The new center will be located directly north of Rip Griffin's Truck Stop in Moriarty. Second and third phases are planned which will add another 58,000 square-feet at the cost of an additional \$3.5 million. The first phase of the new center is scheduled to be completed by October 1st of this year.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA:

Construction on the first building at the Strategic Defense Initiative test site near Orogrande is scheduled to begin this summer. Fluor Contractors, the project's prime contractor, has awarded a subcontract to prepare a right-of-way road to the site, and work on a communications facility will begin in July. Construction on the \$200 million project will take about three years to complete, according to U.S. Army officials. White Sands Missile Range awarded more than \$34 million in contracts to New Mexico and El Paso businesses during the first three months of 1987, according to Range officials.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: A recent Cannon Air Force Base study put the total economic impact of the base at \$103.4 million per year. The area studied consisted of a 50-mile radius around the base. The impact statement set the number of jobs created by the base at 7,964, with 778 civilian employees. A Clovis cabinet manufacturer, Cabinets by Lucero, was featured in a recent issue of Kitchen & Bath Specialist. The business started up with 200 square feet of shop space in 1983 and has expanded to 15,000 square feet. Owners of the firm expect to double or triple their volume in the next year.

ESPANOLA AREA: Construction of a \$13.6-million dollar hydro-power plant below Abiquiu Dam is scheduled to start in June. Bechtel, a California-based construction engineering firm, has been contracted to build the plant, which should take two years to complete. Construction will begin soon on a new senior citizen's center in Santa Cruz. The 3,000-3,500 square foot center will cost \$270,835 to build and should be completed sometime in October.

FARMINGTON AREA: Six new tenants have signed leases at the Animas Valley Mall; this will bring the total number of specialty stores at the shopping center to 61. The Navajo Nation, Public Service Company of New Mexico, and two other corporations have signed a partnership agreement to develop a giant power-generating complex. The \$4 billion coal-fired power factory will be located between Farmington and Crownpoint. Construction will not start on the project until 1,000 megawatts have been pre-sold; current plans call for two units to go on line by 1995.

GALLUP AREA: More than 360 miners returned to work recently after a 10-week strike against the Pittsburg and Midway Coal Mining company. The new contract includes a \$750 ratification bonus, a \$500 bonus next year, and a 30 cent an hour raise in the third year of the contract.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: Two area school systems have been forced to lay off teachers. The Hobbs School Board has laid off 26 teachers because of a \$700,000 budget deficit, and the Jal schools reduced instructional staff by four positions, both caused by declining student population. Recent oil drilling rig reports for the Permian Basin compiled by Hughes Tool Co. showed 111 rigs in operation for the first week in May. During the same week last year 103 rigs were working in the Basin.

LAS ALAMOS AREA: Las Alamos National Laboratory has started construction on a new \$18.5 million Neutron Scattering Center. The center will have a 18,000-square-foot area to be used for experiments as well as a 25,000-

square-foot building to be used for laboratories and office space.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Tri-Color Corporation, a manufacturer of bathroom scales, has begun construction of a 17,000 square-foot addition to its Las Cruces plant. The firm plans to add a second assembly line which will result in the hiring of 30 new employees, almost doubling their current workforce. Two new chili processing plants are being built in the Hatch area, one by Carson Farms and the other by Steve Franzoy. The Gadsden School Board was forced to cut 15 teaching positions for the 1987/88 school year in an effort to balance next year's budget.

RATON AREA: Pacific Stud Company is expected to start hiring again in May. The company will start up operations with about 50 employees and should increase that number to approximately 130 as the season progresses. The company is in the process of being sold; the new management hopes to remain open on a year-around basis. The National Guard Armory being built on U.S. 64 should be completed sometime in May. The new armory will have a full battery, a drilling area, and a built-in shooting range.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corporation (TMC) officials anticipate that the company's new transit bus

manufacturing operation will be on-line by this October, resulting in the addition of 400 to 500 new employees. TMC is presently constructing a new 200,000-square-foot addition to its Roswell plant to house the new production line.

SILVER CITY / LORDSBURG AREA: Phelps Dodge Corporation officials have decided to build a long-considered solvent extraction-electrowinning plant at its Chino copper mine. Approximately \$55 million will be spent for the plant and related facilities. At peak construction about 500 workers will be employed at the plant site, and the plant will require about 25 permanent workers when on-line. Work is expected to begin immediately and be completed in the fall of 1988. Westar Corporation of Las Vegas, Nevada has begun strip mining for precious minerals at a site south of Lordsburg. The firm has spent approximately \$1 million to date on the operations which currently employs 17 workers.

TUCUMCARI AREA: The area received some bad news recently when Consolidated Freight announced plans to move 55 of their 149 drivers stationed in Tucumcari to Wyoming. The transfer is expected to take place by this July, resulting in the loss of approximately \$2 million in payroll to the area.

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

	<u>Apr. 1987</u>	<u>Mar. 1987</u>	<u>Apr. 1986</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>	
				<u>Mar.'87-Apr.'87</u>	<u>Apr.'86-Apr.'87</u>
CPI-U	337.7	335.9	325.3	+0.5%	+3.8%
CPI-W	332.3	330.5	320.4	+0.5%	+3.7%

Index Base Year 1967 = 100

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY APRIL 1987

REVISED MARCH 1987

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	PRELIMINARY APRIL 1987			REVISED MARCH 1987			REVISED APRIL 1986					
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	678,185	618,190	59,995	8.8%	673,505	611,319	62,186	9.2%	666,437	605,064	61,373	9.2%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	261,173	245,127	16,046	6.1%	259,242	243,370	15,872	6.1%	252,043	236,473	15,570	6.2%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	54,922	51,128	3,794	6.9%	54,591	50,590	4,001	7.3%	54,091	50,149	3,942	7.3%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	65,004	61,349	3,655	5.6%	64,458	60,649	3,809	5.9%	62,508	59,199	3,309	5.3%
Catron	1,129	933	196	17.4%	1,141	885	256	22.4%	990	800	190	19.2%
Chaves	22,538	20,522	2,016	8.9%	22,387	20,237	2,150	9.6%	22,148	20,048	2,100	9.5%
Cibola	8,476	7,207	1,269	15.0%	8,493	7,068	1,425	16.8%	8,644	7,007	1,637	18.9%
Colfax	6,590	5,649	941	14.3%	6,527	5,578	949	14.5%	6,865	5,391	1,474	21.5%
Curry	17,253	15,910	1,343	7.8%	17,432	16,035	1,397	8.0%	16,959	15,864	1,095	6.5%
De Baca	900	808	92	10.2%	905	797	108	11.9%	950	842	108	11.4%
Eddy	21,561	18,949	2,612	12.1%	21,425	18,743	2,682	12.5%	22,453	19,406	3,047	13.6%
Grant	9,900	8,910	990	10.0%	9,691	8,600	1,091	11.3%	9,654	8,512	1,142	11.8%
Guadalupe	1,631	1,325	306	18.8%	1,659	1,325	334	20.1%	1,618	1,405	213	13.2%
Harding	442	387	55	12.4%	415	358	57	13.7%	439	386	53	12.1%
Hidalgo	2,427	2,274	153	6.3%	2,358	2,219	139	5.9%	2,543	2,394	149	5.9%
Lea	23,454	20,754	2,700	11.5%	23,312	20,458	2,854	12.2%	25,590	22,604	2,986	11.7%
Lincoln	6,689	6,148	541	8.1%	6,450	5,865	585	9.1%	6,787	6,251	536	7.9%
Luna	5,666	4,801	865	15.3%	5,565	4,683	882	15.8%	5,468	4,627	841	15.4%
McKinley	16,915	14,929	1,986	11.7%	16,792	14,461	2,331	13.9%	16,917	14,870	2,047	12.1%
Mora	1,166	721	445	38.2%	1,162	708	454	39.1%	1,358	820	538	39.6%
Otero	18,108	16,769	1,339	7.4%	18,223	16,775	1,448	7.9%	17,555	16,155	1,400	8.0%
Quay	4,446	4,077	369	8.3%	4,382	3,985	397	9.1%	4,507	4,081	426	9.5%
Rio Arriba	13,782	10,776	3,006	21.8%	13,715	10,561	3,154	23.0%	13,500	10,485	3,015	22.3%
Roosevelt	7,447	7,008	439	5.9%	7,365	6,959	406	5.5%	7,271	6,896	375	5.2%
Sandoval	22,685	20,875	1,810	8.0%	22,325	20,410	1,915	8.6%	21,833	20,071	1,762	8.1%
San Juan	34,574	29,119	5,455	15.8%	34,772	28,676	6,096	17.5%	35,275	29,360	5,915	16.8%
San Miguel	10,119	8,788	1,331	13.2%	10,106	8,675	1,431	14.2%	10,456	9,099	1,357	13.0%
Sierra	2,506	2,300	206	8.2%	2,439	2,200	239	9.8%	2,419	2,239	180	7.4%
Socorro	5,761	5,275	486	8.4%	5,799	5,233	566	9.8%	5,864	5,316	548	9.3%
Taos	10,355	6,861	3,494	33.7%	10,217	7,196	3,021	29.6%	10,365	6,875	3,490	33.7%
Torrance	3,231	2,862	369	11.4%	3,161	2,770	391	12.4%	3,097	2,712	385	12.4%
Union	1,934	1,775	159	8.2%	1,864	1,708	156	8.4%	2,015	1,841	174	8.6%
Valencia	15,401	13,874	1,527	9.9%	15,132	13,542	1,590	10.5%	14,255	12,886	1,369	9.6%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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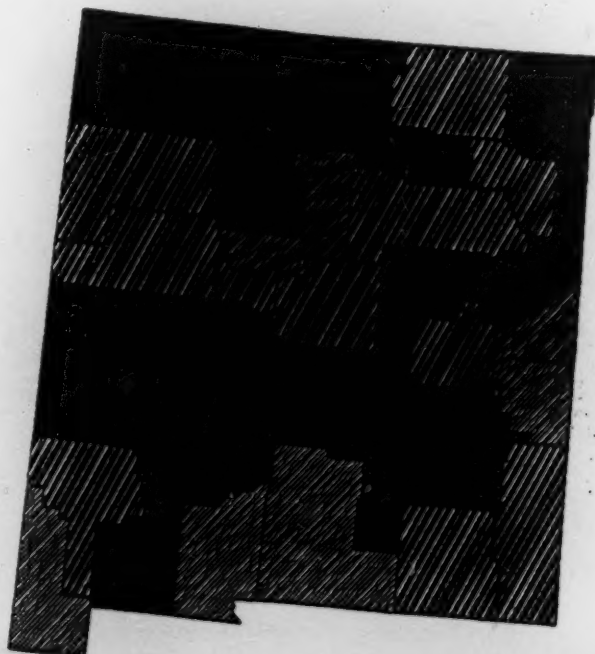
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Labor force estimates for May continued to reflect gradual improvement in New Mexico's economy. New Mexico's unemployment rate was 8.5 percent in May, down from 8.9 percent in April and 9.0 percent one year ago. The state's jobless rate has now been below the comparable year ago rate for three consecutive months. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) in May was 6.1 percent, compared with 6.2 percent in April and 7.0 percent one year ago.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 4,500 in May as seasonal advances occurred in construction, trade, and services. In trade, all of the additional jobs were in the retail area—largely at restaurants, food and general merchandise stores. Lodging places accounted for the majority of the increase in services as businesses added workers for the summer tourist season.

Manufacturing employment grew by a rather strong 700 jobs during May, largely the result of increases in lumber and transportation

equipment. The advance in the lumber industry was somewhat stronger than the usual spring expansion, and the gain in transportation equipment was the result of continued growth at a few large firms in the industry. Employment is now up by approximately 12 percent from one year ago in both industries.

Mining employment increased by 200 during May, but it was mostly caused by the end of a two-month long labor dispute at the Pittsburg and Midway Coal Company near Gallup. Employment in oil & gas fell by 200 jobs in May after experiencing a small gain in April.

Below are unemployment rates for New Mexico and its border states for April 1987, the most current month available for comparison.

New Mexico	8.9%
Colorado	8.9%
Texas	8.3%
Oklahoma	7.8%
Arizona	7.0%
Utah	6.7%

	Prel. May 1987	Revised Apr. 1987	Revised May 1986	Change From Apr. 1987	Change From May 1986
Civilian Labor Force	679,200	678,000	671,100	+1,200	+8,100
Employment	621,800	617,600	610,700	+4,200	+11,100
Unemployment	57,400	60,400	60,400	-3,000	-3,000
Rate	8.5%	8.9%	9.0%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM MAY 1987	REVISED APR 1987	REVISED MAY 1986	MAY CHANGE FROM APR 1987	MAY 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	536,400	531,900	528,100	4,500	8,300
MINING	14,600	14,400	15,900	200	-1,300
Metal Mining	2,000	1,900	2,100	100	-100
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,900	3,600	4,200	300	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,700	8,900	9,600	-200	-900
CONSTRUCTION	34,800	33,800	35,900	1,000	-1,100
MANUFACTURING	38,300	37,600	37,200	700	1,100
DURABLE GOODS	25,000	24,400	24,400	600	600
Lumber & Wood Products	2,900	2,700	2,600	200	300
Machinery(except electric)	2,500	2,500	2,600	0	-100
Elec & Electronic Equip	4,200	4,300	4,700	-100	-500
Transportation Equipment	4,600	4,300	4,100	300	500
Other Durable Goods	10,800	10,600	10,400	200	400
NONDURABLE GOODS	13,300	13,200	12,800	100	500
Food & Kindred Products	4,200	4,100	4,100	100	100
Textile & Apparel	2,500	2,500	2,300	0	200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,600	6,600	6,400	0	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,700	29,000	29,400	-300	-700
TRANSPORTATION	12,800	12,800	12,800	0	0
Railroad Transportation	2,100	2,100	2,300	0	-200
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	5,900	5,900	0	0
Other Transportation	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	200
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,900	16,200	16,600	-300	-700
Communication	6,700	6,800	6,800	-100	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,200	9,400	9,800	-200	-600
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	129,100	127,000	126,200	2,100	2,900
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,400	22,400	22,600	0	-200
Durable Goods	13,500	13,500	13,400	0	100
Nondurable Goods	8,900	8,900	9,200	0	-300
RETAIL TRADE	106,700	104,600	103,600	2,100	3,100
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,600	4,500	4,500	100	100
General Merchandise Stores	12,300	12,000	11,500	300	800
Food Stores	15,900	15,500	15,200	400	700
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,400	13,200	13,100	200	300
Apparel & Accessories	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	-100
Furniture & Furnishing	4,500	4,600	4,300	-100	200
Eating & Drinking Places	38,400	37,400	37,900	1,000	500
Miscellaneous Retail	12,300	12,100	11,700	200	600
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	27,300	27,100	26,600	200	700
Banking	8,000	7,900	8,100	100	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,800	3,800	3,500	0	300
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
Real Estate	6,400	6,400	6,300	0	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,100	6,000	5,800	100	300
SERVICES	122,500	121,500	118,000	1,000	4,500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,400	12,000	11,400	400	1,000
Personal Services	6,100	6,200	5,900	-100	200
Business Services	28,700	28,600	28,100	100	600
Health Services	30,000	29,900	28,900	100	1,100
Legal Services	4,100	4,000	4,000	100	100
Educational Services	5,300	5,200	5,100	100	200
Social Services	6,300	6,300	6,900	0	-600
Membership Organizations	6,800	6,600	6,100	200	700
Other Services	22,800	22,700	21,600	100	1,200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	141,100	141,500	138,900	-400	2,200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	31,300	30,800	30,200	500	1,100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	109,800	110,700	108,700	-900	1,100
State Government	49,900	51,200	50,500	-1,300	-600
Local Government	59,900	59,500	58,200	400	1,700

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

HIGHLIGHTS

Albuquerque's May labor force estimates reflected improvement in unemployment after showing some deterioration in April. A greater-than-expected decline of 1,100 job seekers was recorded during the period, and the unemployment rate fell from 6.2% to 5.8%. A year ago, the rate was 6.0%.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 300 between April and May; however, even a gain of this size is larger than is normally expected for the period. Both trade and finance, insurance, & real estate gained more than the seasonal normal number of jobs, while services held steady during a period when a decline is expected. Contrasting with these divisions was construction, which gained a smaller-than-expected 200 jobs. Within the divisions, eating & drinking places and general merchandise stores contributed most of the increase in trade, while in services, many firms combined their modest gains to offset the large seasonal losses experienced by income tax preparation services and the

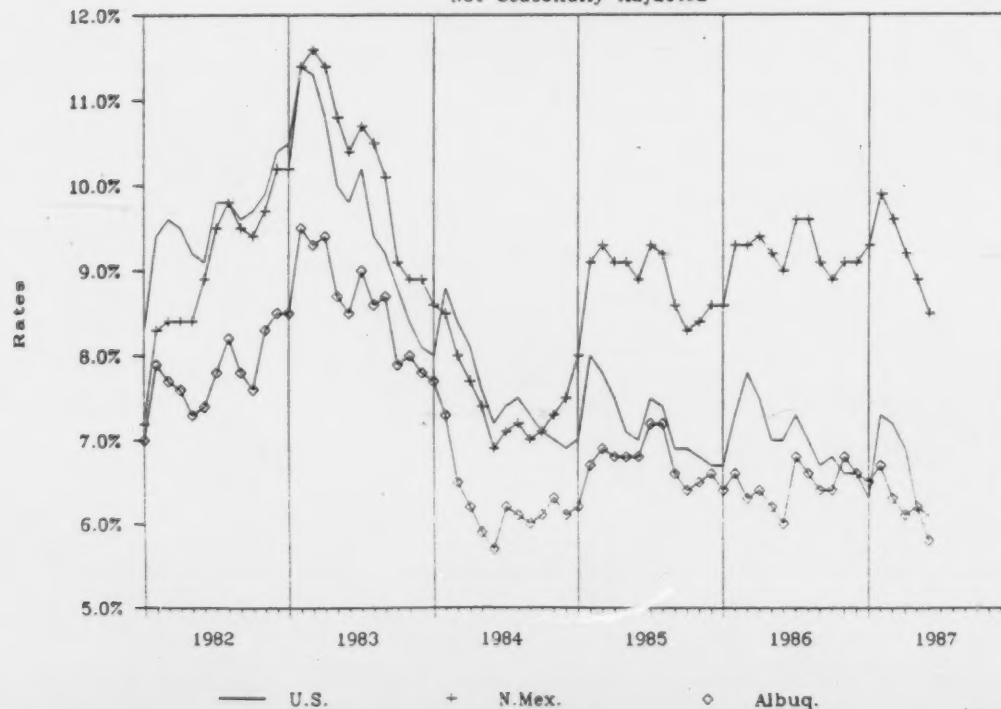
horse racing industry. The large drop noted in State government was mostly caused by normal end-of-semester furloughs of part-time student employees at the university.

The increase of 5,500 nonagricultural payroll jobs over the year ago level represents a gain of 2.4 percent, which is very much in line with the similar modest year-to-year advances of the past several months. The most significant over-the-year increases were registered by health services, miscellaneous services, and local government; business services, eating & drinking places, and the insurance industry also experienced solid gains. In the manufacturing division, employment levels are now lower than a year ago in food, fabricated metal, and stone, clay & glass, while more jobs now exist in transportation equipment, professional & scientific instruments, and apparel. Nearly the entire loss in State government jobs since a year ago is attributable to fewer workers at the university.

	Prel. May 1987	Apr. 1987	Revised May 1986	Change From Apr. 1987	May 1986
Civilian Labor Force	258,500	261,100	251,600	-2,600	+6,900
Employment	243,400	244,900	236,400	-1,500	+7,000
Unemployment	15,100	16,200	15,200	-1,100	-,100
Rate	5.8%	6.2%	6.0%		

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM MAY 1987	REVISED APR 1987	REVISED MAY 1986	MAY CHANGE FROM APR 1987	MAY 1986

TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	231,900	231,600	226,400	300	5,500
MINING	200	200	200	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	17,200	17,000	17,100	200	100
MANUFACTURING	19,500	19,500	19,600	0	-100
Durable Goods	14,000	14,000	14,000	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,400	12,400	12,200	0	200
Transportation	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	100
Communication	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	59,400	58,700	57,900	700	1,500
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,300	14,200	14,100	100	200
Durable Goods	9,800	9,700	9,500	100	300
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
RETAIL TRADE	45,100	44,500	43,800	600	1,300
General Merchandise Stores	4,800	4,600	4,700	200	100
Food Stores	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	200
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,900	4,800	4,900	100	0
Eating & Drinking Places	17,500	17,200	17,200	300	300
Other Retail Trade	12,900	12,900	12,200	0	700
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	14,900	14,800	14,200	100	700
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	4,300	4,200	4,000	100	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	7,400	7,400	7,100	0	300
SERVICES	63,200	63,200	60,600	0	2,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4,000	4,000	3,800	0	200
Personal Services	3,200	3,300	3,100	-100	100
Business Services	20,300	20,200	19,900	100	400
Health Services	14,600	14,600	13,700	0	900
Social Services	3,000	2,900	2,700	100	300
Membership Organizations	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
Other Services	16,400	16,500	15,600	-100	800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	45,100	45,800	44,600	-700	500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	13,300	13,300	12,900	0	400
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	31,800	32,500	31,700	-700	100
State Government	12,000	12,900	12,700	-900	-700
Local Government	19,800	19,600	19,000	200	800

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM MAY 1987	REVISED APR 1987	REVISED MAY 1986	MAY CHANGE FROM APR 1987	MAY 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	40,400	40,050	40,200	350	200
MINING	50	50	100	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	2,800	2,700	2,700	100	100
MANUFACTURING	3,200	3,050	3,150	150	50
Durable Goods	1,300	1,250	1,250	50	50
Nondurable Goods	1,900	1,800	1,900	100	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	100
Transportation	550	550	500	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	800	0	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,800	7,650	7,700	150	100
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	800	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	7,000	6,850	6,900	150	100
General Merchandise Stores	900	900	850	0	50
Food Stores	1,050	1,050	1,000	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	900	850	900	50	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2,700	2,600	2,700	100	0
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE SERVICES	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	6,050	6,200	5,550	-150	500
Business Services	750	800	550	-50	200
Health Services	1,200	1,150	1,000	50	200
Social Services	1,750	1,700	1,550	50	200
Other Services	250	250	250	0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	2,100	2,300	2,200	-200	-100
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	17,500	17,400	18,100	100	-600
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	4,400	4,300	4,400	100	0
State Government	13,100	13,100	13,700	0	-600
Local Government	7,900	7,900	8,600	0	-700
	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM MAY 1987	REVISED APR 1987	REVISED MAY 1986	MAY CHANGE FROM APR 1987	MAY 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	54,650	53,850	52,750	800	1,900
MINING	100	100	100	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,400	3,300	3,200	100	200
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,550	1,600	50	0
Durable Goods	1,000	950	1,000	50	0
Nondurable Goods	600	600	600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,150	1,300	50	-100
Transportation	450	400	400	50	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	900	0	-150
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,750	10,500	9,800	250	950
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	10,050	9,800	9,100	250	950
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	850	0	100
Food Stores	1,900	1,850	1,250	50	650
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,800	3,700	3,700	100	100
Other Retail Trade	2,600	2,500	2,500	100	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE SERVICES	2,200	2,200	2,000	0	200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13,900	13,450	13,450	450	450
Business Services	2,000	1,850	1,850	150	150
Health Services	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Social Services	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
Other Services	600	600	600	0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	5,200	4,900	5,000	300	200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	21,500	21,600	21,300	-100	200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	1,600	1,500	1,600	100	0
State Government	19,900	20,100	19,700	-200	200
Local Government	16,000	16,200	16,000	-200	0
	3,900	3,900	3,700	0	200

- 1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.
- 2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.
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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)									
	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	MAY 1987	APR 1987	MAY 1986	MAY 1987	APR 1987	MAY 1986	MAY 1987	APR 1987	MAY 1986
MINING	\$497.24	\$487.10	\$496.65	40.1	42.1	39.7	12.40	11.57	12.51
CONSTRUCTION	\$409.12	\$400.23	\$399.86	38.2	37.3	37.3	10.71	10.73	10.72
MANUFACTURING	\$353.79	\$347.45	\$344.20	40.9	39.8	39.7	8.65	8.73	8.67
Durable Goods	\$363.67	\$363.78	\$354.97	41.0	40.6	40.2	8.87	8.96	8.83
Nondurable Goods	\$311.66	\$310.40	\$318.84	40.9	37.9	38.6	7.62	8.19	8.26
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	\$572.88	\$562.72	\$492.06	42.0	41.9	43.7	13.64	13.43	11.26
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	\$221.44	\$224.45	\$217.19	33.5	33.5	31.8	6.61	6.70	6.83
Wholesale Trade	\$362.70	\$368.78	\$383.36	39.0	39.4	39.4	9.30	9.36	9.73
Retail Trade	\$192.73	\$196.06	\$184.83	32.5	32.3	30.3	5.93	6.07	6.10
BANKING	\$229.08	\$227.50	\$211.62	38.5	38.3	38.9	5.95	5.94	5.44
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	MAY 1987	APR 1987	MAY 1986	MAY 1987	APR 1987	MAY 1986	MAY 1987	APR 1987	MAY 1986
MANUFACTURING	\$363.89	\$365.88	\$350.40	39.9	39.9	40.0	9.12	9.17	8.76
Durable Goods	\$375.60	\$382.18	\$361.49	40.0	40.4	40.3	9.39	9.46	8.97
Nondurable Goods	\$323.26	\$316.42	\$314.70	38.9	38.4	38.9	8.31	8.24	8.09

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY:

STATEWIDE: Wickes Companies Inc. of Santa Monica, California plans to close its Allwoods Home Centers in Hobbs, Roswell, and Santa Fe. Liquidation will take place over the next five weeks, and the stores should be completely shut down by August. The company employed 37 people in the Hobbs store, 35 in Roswell, and 35 in Santa Fe.

ALAMOGORDO AREA: Scott Motors, Inc. in Alamogordo has received a contract from Weslo Inc. of Logan, Utah to manufacture motor-control devices for treadmills. Scott Motors officials expect to hire approximately 40 new workers to handle the contract, boosting the firm's payroll to 200. Ground was broken recently at the corner of US-70 and Airport Road for a Honda-Volkswagen dealership.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: The University of New Mexico is planning a \$100 million research and business park. The 100-acre research/business park will be built near Stadium and University Boulevards SE. The park, which will be called University Center,

will be developed by Glenborough New Mexico Associates, who expect to erect their first building in 1988. The master plan shows 770,000 square feet of office space and 223,000 square feet in commercial space, which will include 168,000 square-feet of space for a hotel. The park could create over 700 jobs when completed. Construction on the expansion of the Albuquerque Airport is proceeding on schedule. The first phase of the expansion will bring the total number of gates to 22 and will update the parking and ticketing facilities, at a cost of \$120 million. The first phase is scheduled for completion by mid-1989. A second phase of construction has been announced; officials are planning an additional 11 gates at a cost of \$25 million. The second construction phase has an anticipated completion date of mid-1990. Boyle Development Co. is planning a \$300 million High Resort project in Rio Rancho. The project calls for 4,000 housing units, a \$60 million resort hotel, and a regional shopping center on a par with Coronado or Winrock. Developers believe the first model single-family

homes will be built by July 15 of this year, and the entire project will be completed within eight years. Developers on the east side of the mountain are planning a wild animal park. The 158-acre park would be along Interstate 40 near Edgewood and would include an amphitheater, restaurant, and a motel. The park should cost from \$4 to \$7 million to build and will have as many as 500 animals of about 70 different species. The Sandoval County Commission plans to build a \$1.9 million jail/judicial complex on the west side of the river near the intersection of NM 528 and NM 44. Construction of the complex is expected to begin next month and should be completed in 12 to 15 months. Construction has begun on Cottonwood Auto Plaza near the intersection of Paseo del Norte roadway and Coors Road. Its first occupant will be Reliable Chevrolet, the city's third Chevy dealer. Reliable will cover 7.5 acres of the 40-acre auto park and is expected to open for business within one year. The auto park will take about five years to develop and will employ 600 to 700 workers once it's completed. Construction has started on a 64,000-square-foot Bag N' Save Food Emporium. The supermarket will be located on Southern Boulevard in Rio Rancho and should be open for business by the first of the year. St. Pius High School has started its \$3.5 million renovation of the old University of Albuquerque campus on the West Mesa. St. Pius will move from its uptown location in the fall of 1988 and merge with the smaller St. Joseph's on the Rio Grande High School, which is currently occupying one of the buildings at the site.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Because construction is ahead of schedule, Brantley Dam could be completed by early next summer. The Brantley reservoir, located north of Carlsbad on the Pecos River, will cover at least 3.5 square miles and be adjacent to a new state park with boat and camping facilities. In an effort to deal with an anticipated \$320,000 budget deficit, the Artesia City Council recently cut all city employees' wages and benefits by approximately seven percent. Several municipalities in southeastern New Mexico are experiencing financial difficulties due to the slump in the oil and gas industry.

CLOVIS AREA: Frozfruit Inc. is employing about 150 workers to operate its three processing lines and two work shifts at the frozen fruit dessert plant in Clovis. Commonwealth Theaters has broken ground for a new theater to be built at the North Plains Mall. The new theater will seat from 800 to 1,000 people, will have four screens, and should be completed by the fall.

FARMINGTON AREA: Care Concepts West, a van conversion company, has opened a new plant. The company will begin converting Dodge mini-vans for use by wheelchair-bound individuals. The plant will be located on the Bloomfield Highway and should begin operations this month. Representatives from the company said the plant may eventually employ up to 100 people. First Interstate Bank has laid off 10 employees from its banks in San Juan County. The employees worked at the bank's main office and at branch banks in Bloomfield, Aztec, and Farmington. Construction of a new post office in Farmington should begin by the middle of June. The new post office building will have 41,000 square feet and cost about \$2,816,000 to build.

GALLUP AREA: Cox Furniture Manufacturing Co. has moved into the Summit Building on SR 53 North. There will be 20 to 25 people working on the first shift hired. The company hopes to hire a second shift in about six months. A shopping center will be built next to the new hospital in Crownpoint. The 37,000-square-foot center will cost \$2.8 million to build.

LAS CRUCES AREA: TRW Corp. was awarded a \$160 million contract to manage the Strategic Defense Initiative free-electron laser project, to be located at White Sands Missile Range near Orogrande. Pentagon officials had previously awarded \$197 million to Fluor Constructors to construct the facilities for the project. TRW Corp. is expected to employ 300 to 400 persons in the area, and the firm will locate its administrative offices in Las Cruces.

ROSWELL AREA: The Roswell branch of Eastern New Mexico University has received a \$290,000 grant under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) to train displaced oil

and gas workers in southeastern New Mexico. The university will train the workers for welding and assembly jobs anticipated to open up at Transportation Manufacturing Corporation (TMC) in Roswell. TMC also received a \$200,000 Economic Development grant to train workers who do not qualify for the JTPA training. TMC is expected to add up to 500 workers to its current 1,000 work force over the next one to two years to staff a new division at its Roswell bus and trailer manufacturing plant. TMC is now expanding its plant by 200,000-square-feet to handle the new division.

SANTA FE AREA: Construction of the new high school in Santa Fe is proceeding on schedule. The school is being built on a 45-acre site southwest of the intersection of Cerrillos and Airport Roads and should be completed in the fall of 1988. The school will cost approximately \$17 million to build. A Phoenix developer plans to begin work this summer on a 100,000-square-foot shopping center across from Villa Linda Mall. The shopping center will have a 40,000-square-foot supermarket, fast food restaurants, and clothing stores. A 208-unit apartment complex for senior citizens will be built next to the shopping center. The shopping center will be called Spanish Gate and is expected to cost about \$5 million.

SILVER CITY AREA: Chino Mines has announced that \$14 million will be spent beginning in August for refurbishing and upgrading its smelter. Phelps Dodge Corp. has selected Brown & Root Inc. as the prime contractor for its \$55 million solvent extraction-electrowinning plant to be built at the Santa Rita mine. Brown & Root is expected to employ 400 to 500 workers to build the plant which should be completed by the end of 1988. Westar Corporation has started stripmining south of Lordsburg. The mined rock is crushed and then leached with a cyanide solution to extract the gold and silver. Westar is mining approximately 20,000 tons of ore per month using a work force of 17.

SOCORRO AREA: Work has started in Socorro on the \$6 million Array Operations Center of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO). Jointly funded by the state and the National Science Foundation, the center will house operations and computer facilities to tie together various radio telescope antennas, including the Very Large Array located west of Socorro. Construction is scheduled to begin in July on the State Fire Academy; the facility will cost \$6 million to build. The academy is scheduled to open in the fall of 1988 and will provide training for 2500 to 3000 people annually.

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	<u>May 1987</u>	<u>Apr. 1987</u>	<u>May 1986</u>	Percent Change	
				<u>Apr.'87-May'87</u>	<u>May'86-May'87</u>
CPI-U	338.7	337.7	326.3	+0.3%	+3.8%
CPI-W	333.4	332.3	321.4	+0.3%	+3.7%

Index Base Year 1967 = 100

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY MAY 1987

REVISED APRIL 1987

REVISED MAY 1986

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	679,114	621,752	57,362	8.4%	678,008	617,594	60,414	8.9%	671,146	610,713	60,433	9.0%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	258,494	243,421	15,073	5.8%	261,016	244,860	16,156	6.2%	251,628	236,415	15,213	6.0%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	57,293	53,266	4,027	7.0%	54,873	51,097	3,776	6.9%	56,164	52,028	4,136	7.4%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	65,827	62,114	3,713	5.6%	64,819	61,043	3,776	5.8%	63,732	60,589	3,143	4.9%
Catron	1,134	1,008	126	11.1%	1,131	933	198	17.5%	965	857	108	11.2%
Chaves	22,641	20,785	1,856	8.2%	22,513	20,522	1,991	8.8%	22,419	20,351	2,068	9.2%
Cibola	8,452	7,274	1,178	13.9%	8,471	7,207	1,264	14.9%	8,753	7,150	1,603	18.3%
Colfax	6,797	5,952	845	12.4%	6,604	5,649	955	14.5%	6,966	5,907	1,059	15.2%
Curry	17,459	16,209	1,250	7.2%	17,227	15,911	1,316	7.6%	17,262	16,092	1,170	6.8%
De Baca	921	838	83	9.0%	895	808	87	9.7%	959	868	91	9.5%
Eddy	21,809	19,191	2,618	12.0%	21,569	18,950	2,619	12.1%	22,624	19,570	3,054	13.5%
Grant	9,905	8,946	959	9.7%	9,897	8,911	986	10.0%	9,641	8,597	1,044	10.8%
Guadalupe	1,609	1,353	256	15.9%	1,630	1,325	305	18.7%	1,645	1,449	196	11.9%
Harding	501	458	43	8.6%	441	387	54	12.2%	456	402	54	11.8%
Hidalgo	2,455	2,331	124	5.1%	2,437	2,274	163	6.7%	2,540	2,408	132	5.2%
Lea	23,326	20,834	2,492	10.7%	23,472	20,754	2,718	11.6%	25,746	22,150	3,596	14.0%
Lincoln	7,257	6,788	469	6.5%	6,692	6,148	544	8.1%	7,926	7,421	505	6.4%
Luna	5,743	4,908	835	14.5%	5,658	4,801	857	15.1%	5,530	4,707	823	14.9%
McKinley	16,549	14,621	1,928	11.7%	16,920	14,929	1,991	11.8%	17,110	15,084	2,026	11.8%
Mora	1,185	768	417	35.2%	1,170	721	449	38.4%	1,332	836	496	37.2%
Otero	18,152	16,813	1,339	7.4%	18,162	16,770	1,392	7.7%	17,615	16,209	1,406	8.0%
Quay	4,514	4,150	364	8.1%	4,454	4,077	377	8.5%	4,581	4,170	411	9.0%
Rio Arriba	13,083	10,409	2,674	20.4%	13,823	10,776	3,047	22.0%	12,723	10,093	2,630	20.7%
Roosevelt	7,533	7,155	378	5.0%	7,451	7,008	443	5.9%	6,931	6,548	383	5.5%
Sandoval	23,077	21,255	1,822	7.9%	22,713	20,876	1,837	8.1%	21,829	20,164	1,665	7.6%
San Juan	34,365	29,030	5,335	15.5%	34,648	29,120	5,528	16.0%	35,771	29,671	6,100	17.1%
San Miguel	10,038	8,761	1,277	12.7%	10,135	8,788	1,347	13.3%	10,215	8,921	1,294	12.7%
Sierra	2,626	2,434	192	7.3%	2,504	2,300	204	8.1%	2,468	2,292	176	7.1%
Socorro	5,849	5,306	543	9.3%	5,767	5,275	492	8.5%	5,689	5,224	465	8.2%
Taos	10,013	6,790	3,223	32.2%	10,368	6,862	3,506	33.8%	10,337	6,905	3,432	33.2%
Torrance	3,212	2,888	324	10.1%	3,229	2,862	367	11.4%	3,134	2,760	374	11.9%
Union	1,921	1,787	134	7.0%	1,932	1,776	156	8.1%	2,074	1,902	172	8.3%
Valencia	15,374	13,909	1,465	9.5%	15,387	13,874	1,513	9.8%	14,381	12,973	1,408	9.8%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

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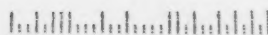


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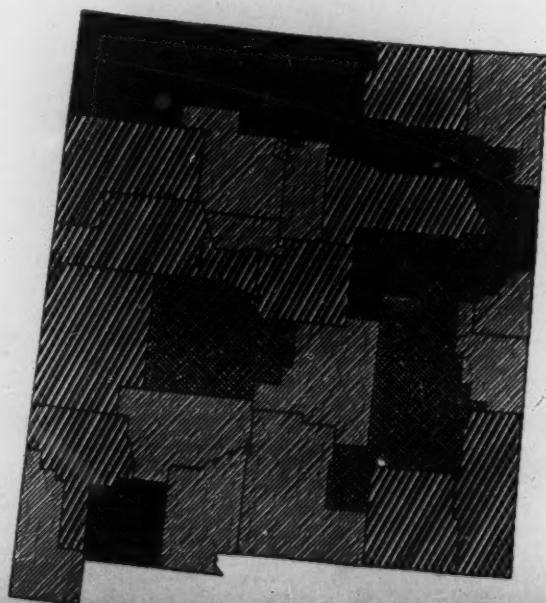
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As usually happens in June, New Mexico's unemployment rate rose significantly during the month, jumping from 8.5 to 8.9 percent. The large number of youth entering the labor force this time of year pushes the jobless rate upward, and this June's increase was in line with the normal pattern. With the first half of 1987 on paper, New Mexico's labor force estimates continue to reflect moderate improvement over 1986. The latest estimates for June show an unemployment rate more than a half percentage point below one year ago. U.S. labor force estimates also reflected improvement, with a 6.3 percent jobless rate this June versus a 7.3 percent rate one year ago.

New Mexico's industry employment estimates for June show the expected summertime increases in construction and in subsectors of retail trade and services affected by tourism. Conversely, the summer recess at educational institutions resulted in sizeable job losses in state and local government, educational services, and passenger transportation.

Mining employment grew by 200 jobs during the month, with the gain split evenly between coal and oil & gas extraction. With the exception of a small employment upturn at the end of 1986, employment in oil & gas has remained relatively

unchanged since late summer of last year. This, of course, followed the unprecedented downturn in oil prices in early 1986 which resulted in the industry losing over 5,000 jobs during the first six months of the year. Approximately 400 jobs were added during June in manufacturing as the transportation equipment, electronic equipment, and apparel sectors all increased payrolls.

Total nonagricultural wage & salary employment in New Mexico has grown by 9,300 or 1.8 percent over the last twelve months. This gain largely reflects strength in trade and services, and, to a lesser extent, manufacturing. Services employment grew by 4,900 over the year, with gains in such areas as lodging places, business services, and health facilities. In trade, notable growth has occurred in restaurants, general merchandise, and miscellaneous retail (includes businesses such as drug and specialty stores). The 800 additional jobs in manufacturing were largely concentrated in the areas of transportation equipment, lumber, and apparel manufacturing. Unfortunately, some areas of manufacturing have lost jobs since last June, including electrical equipment and machinery. Weakness also continues to be evident in mining, construction, and communications & utilities. Payrolls in all three industries are between 600 and 1,000 below the level of one year ago.

	Prel. Jun. 1987	Revised May 1987	Revised Jun. 1986	Change From May 1987	Change From Jun. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	681,200	678,400	678,900	+2,800	+2,300
Employment	620,700	620,700	613,900	0	+6,800
Unemployment	60,500	57,700	65,000	+2,800	-4,500
Rate	8.9%	8.5%	9.6%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM JUN 1987	REVISED MAY 1987	REVISED JUN 1986	JUN CHANGE FROM MAY 1987	JUN 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	537,700	535,300	528,400	2,400	9,300
MINING	14,900	14,700	15,500	200	-600
Metal Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	-100
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	4,000	3,900	4,200	100	-200
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,900	8,800	9,200	100	-300
CONSTRUCTION	35,600	34,800	36,600	800	-1,000
MANUFACTURING	38,600	38,200	37,800	400	800
DURABLE GOODS	25,200	24,900	24,800	300	400
Lumber & Wood Products	2,300	2,900	2,700	0	200
Machinery(except electric)	2,500	2,500	2,600	0	-100
Elec & Electronic Equip	4,300	4,200	4,700	100	-400
Transportation Equipment	4,700	4,600	4,200	100	500
Other Durable Goods	10,800	10,700	10,600	100	200
NONDURABLE GOODS	13,400	13,300	13,000	100	400
Food & Kindred Products	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	100
Textile & Apparel	2,600	2,500	2,400	100	200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,600	6,600	6,500	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,100	28,700	28,800	-600	-700
TRANSPORTATION	12,100	12,800	12,200	-700	-100
Railroad Transportation	2,100	2,100	2,400	0	-300
Trucking & Warehousing	6,000	5,900	6,000	100	0
Other Transportation	4,000	4,800	3,800	-800	200
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16,000	15,900	16,600	100	-600
Communication	6,700	6,700	6,900	0	-200
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,300	9,200	9,700	100	-400
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	130,700	128,900	127,600	1,800	3,100
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,700	22,400	22,700	300	0
Durable Goods	13,700	13,500	13,400	200	300
Nondurable Goods	9,000	8,900	9,300	100	-300
RETAIL TRADE	108,000	106,500	104,900	1,500	3,100
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,700	4,600	4,500	100	200
General Merchandise Stores	12,400	12,400	11,600	0	800
Food Stores	15,600	15,700	15,400	-100	200
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,500	13,300	13,200	200	300
Apparel & Accessories	5,400	5,300	5,500	100	-100
Furniture & Furnishing	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	39,500	38,500	38,600	1,000	900
Miscellaneous Retail	12,400	12,200	11,700	200	700
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	27,400	27,300	26,900	100	500
Banking	8,000	8,000	8,100	0	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,800	3,800	3,600	0	200
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
Real Estate	6,500	6,400	6,500	100	0
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,100	6,100	5,800	0	300
SERVICES	124,300	122,100	119,400	2,200	4,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,800	12,400	11,900	400	900
Personal Services	6,000	6,000	5,800	0	200
Business Services	29,100	28,800	27,900	300	1,200
Health Services	30,000	29,800	29,100	200	900
Legal Services	4,200	4,100	4,100	100	100
Educational Services	4,000	5,200	4,000	-1,200	0
Social Services	6,300	6,300	6,900	0	-600
Membership Organizations	8,500	6,800	7,300	1,700	1,200
Other Services	23,400	22,700	22,400	700	1,000
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	138,100	140,600	135,800	-2,500	2,300
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	31,700	31,200	30,500	500	1,200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	106,400	109,400	105,300	-3,000	1,000
State Government 2/	47,300	49,300	47,800	-2,000	-500
Local Government	59,100	60,100	57,500	-1,000	1,600

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

According to preliminary labor force estimates, unemployment rose sharply in the Albuquerque area between May and June. The number of people unemployed rose by 1,700 during the period, which is slightly more than the normal seasonal expectation. The end of the school term for public and private schools and the university normally generates layoffs of large numbers of non-contract staff, and related layoffs of private sector workers such as school bus drivers also occur. June's unemployment rate stands at 6.6% of the labor force, up from 5.9% in May but nearly unchanged from the 6.7% rate of one year ago.

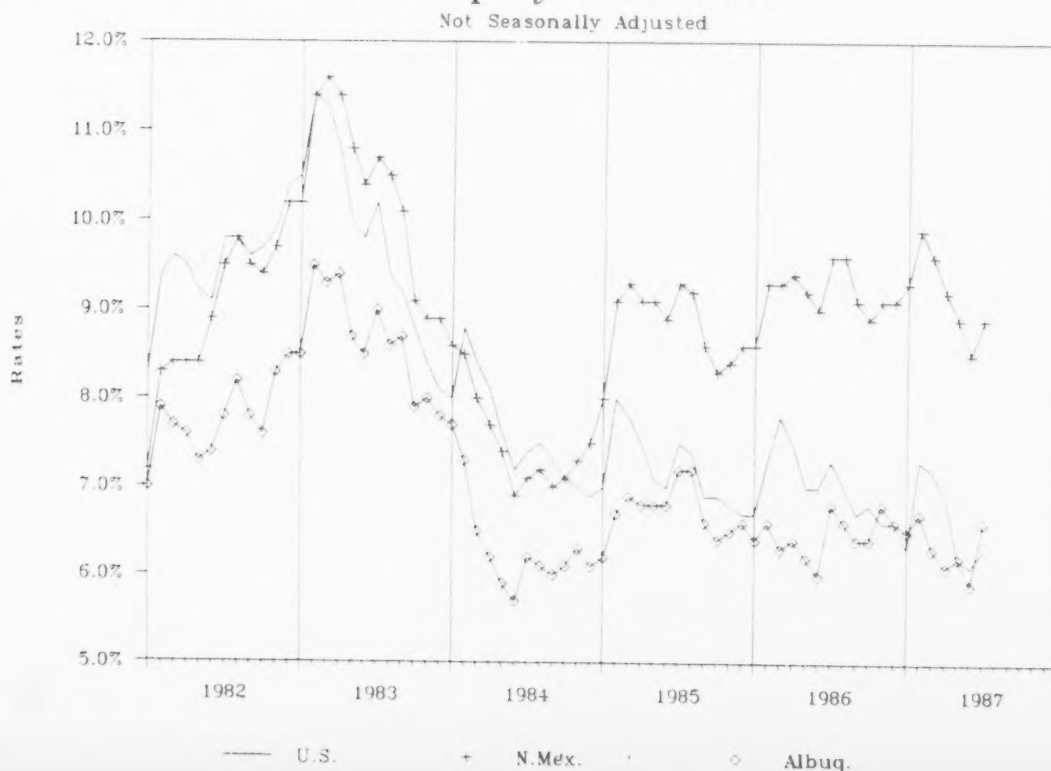
Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Albuquerque increased by a modest 400 jobs in June. This is just barely more than the normal May-to-June movement. Additional jobs in trade and services more than offset lost government sector jobs. Construction, which normally adds workers in June, merely held steady this June. In the trade division, eating & drinking places scored a greater-than-normal

seasonal advance. In the services division, business services was the leading job gainer. The decline in government employment pertained almost entirely to educational establishments.

There are now 6,000 more nonagricultural payroll jobs in the Albuquerque area than there were one year ago. Services, led by business services, health services, and other services, accounted for about one-half the increase. Trade contributed more than one-fourth the over-the-year gain, as eating & drinking places, miscellaneous retail stores, building materials & mobile home dealers, and durable goods wholesale trade all recorded solid additions to their payrolls. Manufacturing employment is slightly below the year-ago level, primarily because of job losses in food, fabricated metal, and stone, clay, glass, & concrete. Construction is well below its June 1986 level because of weakness in the special trades sector; employment in heavy construction (road and bridge work) is actually higher than a year ago.

	Prel. June 1987	May 1987	Revised June 1986	Change From May 1987	June 1986
Civilian Labor Force	257,700	258,200	255,000	- 500	+2,700
Employment	240,800	243,000	237,800	-2,200	+3,000
Unemployment	16,900	15,200	17,200	+1,700	- 300
Rate	6.6%	5.9%	6.7%		

Unemployment Rates



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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM JUNE 1987	REVISED MAY 1987	REVISED JUNE 1986	JUNE CHANGE FROM MAY 1987	JUNE 1986

TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	232,500	232,100	226,500	400	6,000
MINING	200	200	200	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	17,200	17,200	17,600	0	-400
MANUFACTURING	19,700	19,600	19,800	100	-100
Durable Goods	14,100	14,000	14,100	100	0
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,600	5,700	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,300	12,300	12,200	0	100
Transportation	6,000	6,000	5,800	0	200
Communication	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	60,100	59,600	58,400	500	1,700
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,400	14,300	14,200	100	200
Durable Goods	9,800	9,800	9,500	0	300
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,500	4,700	100	-100
RETAIL TRADE	45,700	45,300	44,200	400	1,500
General Merchandise Stores	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	200
Food Stores	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	200
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,900	4,900	5,000	0	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	17,900	17,600	17,400	300	500
Other Retail Trade	13,000	12,900	12,300	100	700
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	15,000	14,900	14,300	100	700
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	4,300	4,300	4,000	0	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	7,500	7,400	7,200	100	300
SERVICES	63,700	63,200	60,700	500	3,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4,100	4,100	3,700	0	400
Personal Services	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
Business Services	20,700	20,300	19,900	400	800
Health Services	14,600	14,500	13,900	100	700
Social Services	3,000	3,000	2,700	0	300
Membership Organizations	1,800	1,700	2,000	100	-200
Other Services	16,300	16,400	15,400	-100	900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	44,300	45,100	43,300	-800	1,000
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	13,400	13,300	12,900	100	500
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	30,900	31,800	30,400	-900	500
State Government	10,900	12,000	11,300	-1,100	-400
Local Government	20,000	19,800	19,100	200	900

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

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(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM JUN 1987	REVISED MAY 1987	REVISED JUN 1986	JUN CHANGE FROM MAY 1987	FROM JUN 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	40,100	40,300	39,350	-200	750
MINING	50	50	100	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
MANUFACTURING	3,150	3,200	3,150	-50	0
Durable Goods	1,250	1,300	1,250	-50	0
Nondurable Goods	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,350	1,150	-150	50
Transportation	350	500	350	-150	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	800	0	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,750	7,750	7,750	0	0
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	850	0	-50
RETAIL TRADE	6,950	6,950	6,900	0	50
General Merchandise Stores	850	850	850	0	0
Food Stores	1,050	1,050	1,000	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	900	900	900	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE SERVICES	1,650	1,600	1,600	50	50
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	6,200	5,950	5,500	250	700
Business Services	800	750	550	50	250
Health Services	1,250	1,200	1,000	50	250
Social Services	1,750	1,750	1,600	0	150
Other Services	300	250	250	50	50
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	2,100	2,000	2,100	100	0
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	17,300	17,600	17,300	-300	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	4,500	4,400	4,400	100	100
State Government	12,800	13,200	12,900	-400	-100
Local Government	7,600	7,900	7,800	-300	-200
	5,200	5,300	5,100	-100	100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM JUN 1987	REVISED MAY 1987	REVISED JUN 1986	JUN CHANGE FROM MAY 1987	FROM JUN 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	55,550	54,700	54,200	850	1,350
MINING	100	100	100	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,600	1,650	0	-50
Durable Goods	1,000	1,000	1,050	0	-50
Nondurable Goods	600	600	600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,200	1,250	-50	-100
Transportation	400	450	400	-50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	850	0	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11,100	10,800	10,250	300	850
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	10,400	10,100	9,550	300	850
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	950	0	0
Food Stores	1,950	1,850	1,300	100	650
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	4,100	3,900	3,900	200	200
Other Retail Trade	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE SERVICES	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14,300	13,900	13,950	400	350
Business Services	2,100	2,000	1,950	100	150
Health Services	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Social Services	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
Other Services	600	600	600	0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	5,500	5,200	5,300	300	200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	21,700	21,500	21,600	200	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
State Government	20,100	19,900	20,000	200	100
Local Government	16,200	16,000	16,200	200	0
	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS									
Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)									
	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	JUN 1987	MAY 1987	JUN 1986	JUN 1987	MAY 1987	JUN 1986	JUN 1987	MAY 1987	JUN 1986
MINING	\$467.53	\$477.41	\$526.03	40.2	40.7	39.7	11.63	11.73	13.25
CONSTRUCTION	\$423.22	\$410.70	\$388.05	38.3	38.6	36.3	11.05	10.64	10.69
MANUFACTURING	\$348.96	\$355.47	\$347.81	39.7	41.0	39.3	8.79	8.67	8.85
Durable Goods	\$360.64	\$369.15	\$361.89	39.5	41.2	39.9	9.13	8.96	9.07
Nondurable Goods	\$318.38	\$324.80	\$315.78	39.6	40.6	38.0	8.04	8.00	8.31
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	\$612.36	\$615.93	\$504.58	42.0	41.9	44.3	14.58	14.70	11.39
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	\$224.07	\$223.77	\$222.77	33.0	33.7	32.1	6.79	6.64	6.94
Wholesale Trade	\$404.61	\$397.80	\$389.47	40.3	39.9	39.5	10.04	9.97	9.86
Retail Trade	\$190.52	\$191.10	\$190.95	31.7	32.5	30.7	6.01	5.88	6.22
BANKING	\$231.25	\$226.31	\$232.93	38.8	38.1	40.3	5.96	5.94	5.78
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	JUN 1987	MAY 1987	JUN 1986	JUN 1987	MAY 1987	JUN 1986	JUN 1987	MAY 1987	JUN 1986
MANUFACTURING	\$367.77	\$372.67	\$347.21	41.0	41.5	39.1	8.97	8.98	8.88
Durable Goods	\$379.49	\$387.73	\$363.26	40.2	40.9	39.7	9.44	9.48	9.15
Nondurable Goods	\$334.80	\$328.54	\$295.26	43.2	43.4	37.0	7.75	7.57	7.98

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: New Mexico has received \$612,800 from the U.S. Department of Labor as part of \$59.3 million allocated nationwide for training and employment services and housing assistance for migrant and seasonal farm workers. The funds will be used to offer training and supportive services to farm workers who seek alternative job opportunities. New Mexico's funds will be administered by Tierra Del Sol Housing Corp. in Las Cruces and the Home Education Livelihood Program, Inc. in Albuquerque. New Mexico is one of 14 states in competition for the \$55 million US West research facility. The new facility will provide employment for 1,500 to 3,000 people with an annual payroll of \$200 million a year. US West is expected to announce its decision on the location of the facility in September.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: J.C. Penney's telephone sales center has increased its work force by over 150 employees, bringing the total work force at the Rio Rancho center to 500;

Penney's telecommunications network is the second largest in the United States. Hensley Group Ltd. has built a three-story office complex on Second Street just north of Osuna Road. The \$1.7 million, 32,000-square-foot building is called Atrium North. Blueher Lumber Co. is planning to build a drive-through hardware store near Taylor Ranch. Customers will drive through the building and have their orders filled and loaded into their vehicles.

ALAMOGORDO AREA: Eaton-Foster Contracting Inc. of El Paso was awarded a \$1.1 million contract to construct a road tying U.S. 70 and 54 west of Alamogordo. El Paso Sand and Gravel Company was awarded a \$1 million contract to build a four-mile access road to the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) Laser Test Facility near Orogrande. The road construction is expected to employ 50 workers. Morgan Portable Buildings of Raton was awarded a \$100,000 contract to build a 6,000-square-foot structure for the SDI project.

BELEN / LOS LUNAS AREA: At least five new businesses, two of them fast food restaurants, are either under construction or proposed for location in Los Lunas. The activity has been spurred by the \$4 million widening of Main Street which was recently completed.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Two local potash mines have closed for maintenance. Lundberg Industries Inc. began its month-long maintenance shutdown in early July, resulting in the layoff of 300 potash miners. Western Ag Minerals ceased its mining operations for four weeks on July 31, affecting approximately 300 workers. A.C. Houston Lumber Co. announced the closure of its retail facility in Carlsbad, meaning the layoff of 15 employees.

GRANTS AREA: A \$21 million uranium mill tailings cleanup project is underway at the old Phillips United Nuclear mine site near Ambrosia Lake. The project is one of 24 such sites across the country that the U.S. Department of Energy is currently authorized to clean up. About 2.6 million tons of tailings covering 111 acres will be excavated and then buried under a layer of soil and rock. The project should be completed by 1990.

GALLUP AREA: Giant Industries Inc., a Phoenix-based gasoline refiner, has opened a combination truck-and-auto service center and shopping mall on I-40 about 17 miles east of Gallup. The 28,000-square-foot mall will include a 275-seat restaurant. The \$9 million travel center employs about 200 people.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: Amoco Production Company officials have announced plans to consolidate the company's five district offices in the Permian Basin into two offices in Odessa and Brownfield, Texas. The consolidation will mean the transfer of 30 of the 50 employees in Amoco's Hobbs office. Rich Meat Service in Hobbs recently completed its 6,000-square-foot plant expansion, and, as a result, the firm increased its payroll from 39 to 57 workers. Rotary oil drilling activity in the Permian Basin is on the upswing according to rig tallies by Hughes Tool Company. Figures for July show 132 rigs in operation in the Basin, compared with 90 rigs in the same week in 1986.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Developer C.B. Smith and Sons recently held grand opening ceremonies for Arroyo Plaza, a \$2.5 million shopping center on East Lohman Ave. in Las Cruces. The center, which opened earlier this year, is approximately 85 percent occupied. Tricolor, Inc., a bathroom scale manufacturer with facilities in Las Cruces and in Ireland and England, is doubling its area warehouse and assembly facilities. The firm currently employs 26 full-time employees in Las Cruces. The area's agricultural activity in July centered around the onion and cabbage harvest, and market prices for both crops were characterized as "very good". Prices for cucumbers were poor, however, and some farmers did not harvest their crops.

ROSWELL AREA: An Oklahoma development firm, PRODEK Inc., has announced plans to construct a \$1.5 million hydroelectric power plant at Sumner Lake Dam beginning in early 1988. The project is one of eight similar projects in four states planned by PRODEK.

SILVER CITY AREA: Phelps Dodge Corporation is firming up engineering studies for a major expansion of its Tyrone solvent extraction-electrowinning facility which would increase annual production from about 40,000 to 55,000 tons. The increase would make the plant the nation's largest.

SOCORRO AREA: The Stallion Site on the White Sands Missile Range southeast of Socorro was chosen by the U.S. Army as the location to test a new air defense artillery system, named Forward Area Air Defense (FAAD). Hughes Aircraft, British Aerospace, LTV, and Martin Marietta have all built FAAD weapons which will be tested at Stallion over the next several months. Work on the new \$4.8 million middle school in Socorro is almost completed, and the structure will be ready for the upcoming fall semester.

SUPERCOLLIDER

Much has been written lately about a thing called the Supercollider. Although it sounds like an amusement park ride, it is one of the biggest projects the U.S. Department of Energy has ever attempted. About half of the states in the country are competing for the project. Governor Carruthers called a special legislative session in July to assure the selection committee that New Mexico will donate approximately 16,000 acres in the Estancia Basin to construct the project.

What does a concrete tunnel an average of 99 feet deep, 53 miles in circumference, built at a cost of \$4.6 billion mean to the New Mexico economy? After a few 0s behind a number, many of us tend to loose track of what each of those 0s mean. If the money which will be spent on the Supercollider were divided equally among each person in the state, each of us would receive over \$3,000. Or put another way, the project will cost approximately twice the annual state budget for New Mexico. In terms of employment opportunities, it should produce some 4,500 jobs during construction and at least 2,500 permanent positions.

If New Mexico is selected, the Estancia Basin would be the site of the largest endeavor of its kind in the world. The geophysical and geotechnical aspects of the basin, as well as the infrastructure of the area, make it a good candidate for the site. With the addition of the Supercollider, New Mexico would boast one of the largest scientific communities in the country.

Using the Supercollider, scientists will be able to examine the atom more closely than ever before. They feel that it is just as important to understand where we have been through the exploration of inner space, as it is to learn where we are going through the exploration of outer space. Scientists hope to add to or validate the big bang theory using the Supercollider facilities.

By July of next year, the Department of Energy is expected to announce which location is favored, and testing and research at the site will be conducted through the remainder of 1988. The final site selection for the Supercollider could be announced by mid-1989, and construction will take 5 to 6 years to complete.

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

	<u>Jun. 1987</u>	<u>May 1987</u>	<u>Jun. 1986</u>	Percent Change	
				<u>May'87-Jun.'87</u>	<u>Jun.'86-Jun.'87</u>
CPI-U	340.1	338.7	327.9	+0.4%	+3.7%
CPI-W	334.9	333.4	323.0	+0.4%	+3.7%

Index Base Year 1967 = 100

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY JUNE 1987

REVISED MAY 1987

REVISED JUNE 1986

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	681,198	620,748	60,450	8.9%	678,387	620,732	57,655	8.5%	678,816	613,863	64,953	9.6%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	257,685	240,775	16,910	6.6%	258,218	243,035	15,183	5.9%	255,064	237,825	17,239	6.8%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	56,337	52,049	4,288	7.6%	57,055	52,998	4,057	7.1%	55,243	50,804	4,439	8.0%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	67,026	63,234	3,792	5.7%	65,663	61,970	3,693	5.6%	65,166	61,738	3,428	5.3%
Catron	1,181	1,066	115	9.7%	1,127	1,006	121	10.7%	1,103	994	109	9.9%
Chaves	22,462	20,519	1,943	8.7%	22,450	20,585	1,865	8.3%	22,568	20,473	2,095	9.3%
Cibola	9,348	7,982	1,366	14.6%	8,853	7,654	1,199	13.5%	8,886	7,087	1,799	20.2%
Colfax	7,387	6,580	807	10.9%	6,736	5,893	843	12.5%	7,633	6,677	956	12.5%
Curry	17,131	15,882	1,249	7.3%	17,069	15,833	1,236	7.2%	17,237	16,153	1,084	6.3%
De Baca	945	854	91	9.6%	921	836	85	9.2%	956	872	84	8.8%
Eddy	21,285	18,672	2,613	12.3%	21,532	18,873	2,659	12.3%	22,854	19,663	3,191	14.0%
Grant	9,747	8,809	938	9.6%	9,882	8,926	956	9.7%	9,714	8,587	1,127	11.6%
Guadalupe	1,661	1,401	260	15.7%	1,614	1,350	264	16.4%	1,640	1,432	208	12.7%
Harding	466	418	48	10.3%	473	433	40	8.5%	479	430	49	10.2%
Hidalgo	2,452	2,311	141	5.8%	2,389	2,266	123	5.1%	2,551	2,407	144	5.6%
Lea	23,156	20,607	2,549	11.0%	23,097	20,586	2,511	10.9%	25,518	21,608	3,910	15.3%
Lincoln	7,971	7,523	448	5.6%	7,237	6,772	465	6.4%	7,914	7,432	482	6.1%
Luna	5,693	4,825	868	15.2%	5,747	4,897	850	14.8%	5,614	4,708	906	16.1%
McKinley	17,080	14,824	2,256	13.2%	16,647	14,717	1,930	11.6%	17,558	15,253	2,305	13.1%
Mora	1,234	824	410	33.2%	1,179	766	413	35.0%	1,329	828	501	37.7%
Otero	17,717	16,327	1,390	7.8%	18,104	16,775	1,329	7.3%	17,836	16,431	1,405	7.9%
Quay	4,632	4,263	369	8.0%	4,493	4,140	353	7.9%	4,641	4,227	414	8.9%
Rio Arriba	14,135	11,518	2,617	18.5%	13,823	11,119	2,704	19.6%	12,959	10,283	2,676	20.6%
Roosevelt	7,099	6,697	402	5.7%	7,304	6,926	378	5.2%	6,911	6,542	369	5.3%
Sandoval	23,059	21,049	2,010	8.7%	23,158	21,334	1,824	7.9%	22,552	20,615	1,937	8.6%
San Juan	34,956	29,306	5,650	16.2%	34,547	29,186	5,361	15.5%	36,418	29,560	6,858	18.8%
San Miguel	10,168	8,858	1,310	12.9%	9,976	8,699	1,277	12.8%	9,775	8,506	1,269	13.0%
Sierra	2,652	2,462	190	7.2%	2,626	2,429	197	7.5%	2,464	2,305	159	6.5%
Socorro	5,705	5,140	565	9.9%	5,746	5,202	544	9.5%	5,765	5,229	536	9.3%
Taos	10,133	7,296	2,837	28.0%	10,251	6,998	3,253	31.7%	10,588	7,387	3,201	30.2%
Torrance	3,390	3,061	329	9.7%	3,228	2,910	318	9.9%	3,250	2,867	383	11.8%
Union	2,032	1,897	135	6.6%	1,918	1,783	135	7.0%	2,196	2,000	196	8.9%
Valencia	15,273	13,719	1,554	10.2%	15,324	13,835	1,489	9.7%	14,434	12,940	1,494	10.4%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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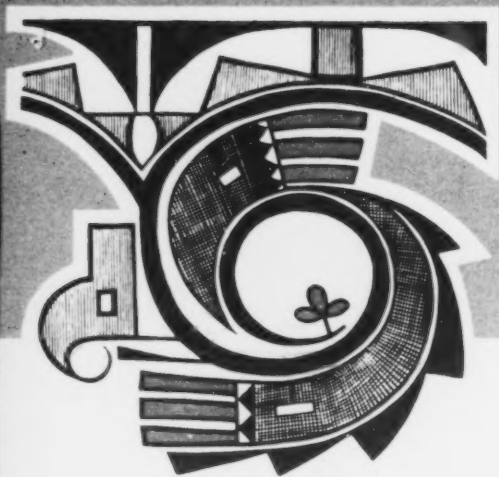


New Mexico
Unemployment Rates by Area
June 1987



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Unemployment in New Mexico experienced an expected reduction in July, dropping by 1,800 persons to a total of 60,200. This follows the usual pattern as many of the new June job seekers (including many youth) either find work or discontinue seeking employment. The total number of employed in New Mexico fell slightly during July as seasonal declines in areas such as education offset the usual increase in agricultural activity this time of year. Labor force estimates continue to reflect some improvement in the state's economy, with both the number and rate of unemployment below one year ago. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) in July was 6.1 percent, down from 6.3 percent in June and 7.0 percent one year ago.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment in New Mexico declined by 2,000 jobs during July, mainly the result of summer layoffs at educational institutions (both public and private) and in passenger transportation (school bus contractors).

Although mining employment was unchanged from June, offsetting employment changes were reported within the industry. For the second month in a row, additional jobs were reported in oil & gas extraction, a welcome change for the industry. Offsetting this gain were layoffs caused by the temporary closure of a Carlsbad area potash mine. Approximately 500 jobs were added in construction during the month which is a fairly healthy increase for this time of year. However, construction employment this year continues to lag behind 1986, mainly because of the generally weak springtime showing by the industry this year.

Manufacturing posted a 300 gain during July as seasonal increases occurred in lumber and food processing, along with a rather strong upturn in transportation equipment manufacturing. One sector in manufacturing, primary metal, recorded a sizeable job loss over the month, caused by a vacation shutdown by a major employer.

	Prel. Jul. 1987	Revised Jun. 1987	Revised Jul. 1986	Change From Jun. 1987	Change From Jul. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	679,100	681,000	679,000	-1,900	+1,100
Employment	618,900	619,000	614,100	-1,100	+4,800
Unemployment	60,200	62,000	64,900	-1,800	-4,700
Rate	8.9%	9.1%	9.6%		

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM JUL 1987	REVISED JUN 1987	REVISED JUL 1986	JUL CHANGE FROM JUN 1987	JUL 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	533,900	535,900	525,700	-2,000	8,200
MINING	15,000	15,000	15,300	0	-300
Metal Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	-100
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,700	4,000	4,200	-300	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,300	9,000	9,000	300	300
CONSTRUCTION	35,900	35,400	36,600	500	-700
MANUFACTURING	39,100	38,800	37,800	300	1,300
DURABLE GOODS	25,600	25,300	24,900	300	700
Lumber & Wood Products	3,000	2,900	2,800	100	200
Machinery(except electric)	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Elec & Electronic Equip	4,300	4,200	4,700	100	-400
Transportation Equipment	5,100	4,800	4,200	300	900
Other Durable Goods	10,600	10,800	10,600	-200	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	13,500	13,500	12,900	0	600
Food & Kindred Products	4,400	4,300	4,200	100	200
Textile & Apparel	2,600	2,600	2,300	0	300
Other Nondurable Goods	6,500	6,600	6,400	-100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	27,700	27,800	28,300	-100	-600
TRANSPORTATION	11,900	12,100	11,800	-200	100
Railroad Transportation	2,100	2,100	2,300	0	-200
Trucking & Warehousing	6,000	6,000	5,800	0	200
Other Transportation	3,800	4,000	3,700	-200	100
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,800	15,700	16,500	100	-700
Communication	6,700	6,600	6,900	100	-200
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,100	9,100	9,600	0	-500
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	130,600	130,700	127,600	-100	3,000
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,500	22,600	22,700	-100	-200
Durable Goods	13,500	13,600	13,400	-100	100
Nondurable Goods	9,000	9,000	9,300	0	-300
RETAIL TRADE	108,100	108,100	104,900	0	3,200
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	100
General Merchandise Stores	12,600	12,500	11,800	100	800
Food Stores	15,700	15,600	15,400	100	300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,600	13,500	13,300	100	300
Apparel & Accessories	5,300	5,400	5,400	-100	-100
Furniture & Furnishing	4,600	4,500	4,300	100	300
Eating & Drinking Places	39,200	39,500	38,300	-300	900
Miscellaneous Retail	12,400	12,400	11,800	0	600
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	27,400	27,400	26,900	0	500
Banking	8,000	8,000	8,100	0	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,800	3,800	3,600	0	200
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	3,000	2,900	-100	0
Real Estate	6,600	6,500	6,500	100	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,100	6,100	5,800	0	300
SERVICES	125,100	124,800	120,300	300	4,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13,000	12,800	12,200	200	800
Personal Services	5,900	6,000	5,900	-100	0
Business Services	29,400	29,100	27,700	300	1,700
Health Services	29,900	30,100	29,500	-200	400
Legal Services	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	100
Educational Services	3,800	3,900	3,900	-100	-100
Social Services	6,600	6,700	6,800	-100	-200
Membership Organizations	8,300	8,500	7,500	-200	800
Other Services	24,000	23,500	22,700	500	1,300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	133,100	136,000	132,900	-2,900	200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	32,100	31,800	30,700	300	1,400
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	101,000	104,200	102,200	-3,200	-1,200
State Government 2/	45,300	45,400	47,600	-100	-2,500
Local Government	55,700	58,800	54,600	-3,100	1,300

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

According to preliminary labor force estimates, the Albuquerque area unemployment rate slipped by two tenths to 6.5 percent in July. Employment lost 400 jobs over the month, and the number of unemployed shrank by 500. The July unemployment rate was one tenth of a percent lower than the rate for July 1986.

Although nonagricultural wage and salary employment lost 1900 jobs in July, 1700 of those were in state and local government. The drop in the number of state and local government jobs was largely the result of the schools furloughing the last of their non-contract employees for the summer. All other industries continued to hover at about the same levels they established in June.

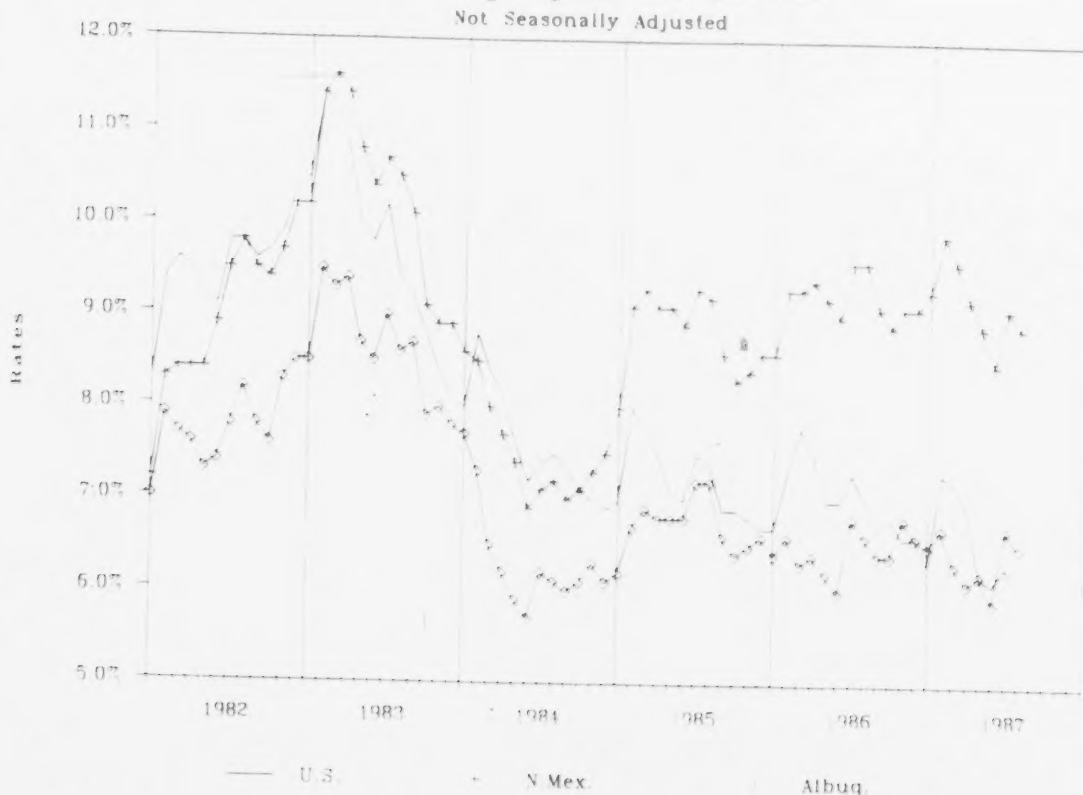
Over the year, total nonagricultural employment in the city has added 4,400 jobs for an annual growth rate of two percent,

with most of the growth occurring in trade and services. Construction, manufacturing, and government all have fewer jobs now than one year ago.

Construction employment is down by 600 jobs from July 1986; however, most of this loss is the result of this year's weak spring and early summer building activity. Rising mortgage rates appear to be the main reason for the lackluster construction figures this year. The VA interest rate gradually climbed from 8.5% in March to 10.0% in July; other types of mortgage loans followed a similar pattern. There were 329 single family dwelling building permits issued by the City of Albuquerque in April, 194 in May, 233 in June and 205 in July. The numbers indicate a weakness during a time of the year when they should have shown definite strengths. The number of permits issued were well below those issued in 1986.

	Prel. Jul. 1987	Jun. 1987	Revised Jul. 1986	Change From Jun. 1987	Jul. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	258,200	259,100	254,900	- 900	+3,300
Employment	241,400	241,800	238,000	- 400	+3,400
Unemployment	16,800	17,300	16,900	- 500	- 100
Rate	6.5%	6.7%	6.6%		

Unemployment Rates



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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM JULY 1987	REVISED JUNE 1987	REVISED JULY 1986	JULY CHANGE FROM	
				JUNE 1987	JULY 1986

TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	231,200	233,100	226,800	-1,900	4,400
MINING	200	200	200	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	17,000	17,200	17,600	-200	-600
MANUFACTURING	19,700	19,700	19,900	0	-200
Durable Goods	14,100	14,100	14,200	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,600	5,700	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,200	12,200	12,100	0	100
Transportation	5,800	5,900	5,700	-100	100
Communication	3,800	3,700	3,800	100	0
Elec. Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	60,400	60,500	58,300	-100	2,100
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,200	14,400	14,100	-200	100
Durable Goods	9,700	9,800	9,500	-100	200
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,600	4,600	-100	-100
RETAIL TRADE	46,200	46,100	44,200	100	2,000
General Merchandise Stores	5,000	5,000	4,500	0	500
Food Stores	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	5,100	5,000	5,000	100	100
Eating & Drinking Places	17,900	18,000	17,300	-100	600
Other Retail Trade	13,200	13,100	12,400	100	800
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	15,000	15,000	14,300	0	700
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	4,300	4,300	4,000	0	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	7,500	7,500	7,100	0	400
SERVICES	64,000	63,800	61,200	200	2,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4,100	4,100	3,700	0	400
Personal Services	3,100	3,200	3,100	-100	0
Business Services	20,800	20,700	19,900	100	900
Health Services	14,500	14,500	14,000	0	500
Social Services	3,100	3,200	2,700	-100	400
Membership Organizations	1,900	1,900	2,000	0	-100
Other Services	16,500	16,200	15,800	300	700
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	42,700	44,500	43,200	-1,800	-500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	13,300	13,400	12,900	-100	400
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	29,400	31,100	30,300	-1,700	-900
State Government	9,900	10,900	11,200	-1,000	-1,300
Local Government	19,500	20,200	19,100	-700	400

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	PRELIM JUL 1987	REVISED JUN 1987	REVISED JUL 1986	JUL CHANGE FROM JUN 1987	JUL 1986
LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	37,150	38,300	38,600	-1,150	-1,450
MINING	50	50	50	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,000	2,800	2,700	200	300
MANUFACTURING	3,300	3,150	3,250	150	50
Durable Goods	1,400	1,250	1,250	150	150
Nondurable Goods	1,900	1,900	2,000	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,200	1,150	0	50
Transportation	350	350	350	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	800	0	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,650	7,750	7,750	-100	-100
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	850	0	-50
RETAIL TRADE	6,850	6,950	6,900	-100	-50
General Merchandise Stores	850	850	850	0	0
Food Stores	1,050	1,050	1,000	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	900	900	900	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2,600	2,700	2,700	-100	-100
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,700	1,650	1,600	50	100
SERVICES	6,150	6,100	5,400	50	750
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	800	800	550	0	250
Business Services	1,300	1,250	1,000	50	300
Health Services	1,750	1,750	1,600	0	150
Social Services	300	300	250	0	50
Other Services	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	14,100	15,600	16,700	-1,500	-2,600
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,400	4,500	4,400	-100	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	9,700	11,100	12,300	-1,400	-2,600
State Government	5,400	5,900	8,000	-500	-2,600
Local Government	4,300	5,200	4,300	-900	0

	PRELIM JUL 1987	REVISED JUN 1987	REVISED JUL 1986	JUL CHANGE FROM JUN 1987	JUL 1986
SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	56,100	55,500	54,200	600	1900
MINING	100	100	100	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,500	3,500	3,300	0	200
MANUFACTURING	1,650	1,600	1,600	50	50
Durable Goods	1,050	1,000	1,000	50	50
Nondurable Goods	600	600	600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,150	1,200	-50	-100
Transportation	400	400	400	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	700	750	800	-50	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11,150	11,050	10,350	100	800
WHOLESALE TRADE	750	700	700	50	50
RETAIL TRADE	10,400	10,350	9,650	50	750
General Merchandise Stores	950	1,000	900	-50	50
Food Stores	1,950	1,950	1,350	0	600
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	4,100	4,000	4,000	100	100
Other Retail Trade	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	100
SERVICES	14,800	14,300	14,150	500	650
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	2,200	2,100	2,050	100	150
Business Services	3,200	3,100	3,100	100	100
Health Services	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
Social Services	600	600	600	0	0
Other Services	5,800	5,500	5,400	300	400
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	21,600	21,600	21,400	0	200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,700	1,600	1,700	100	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	19,900	20,000	19,700	-100	200
State Government	16,300	16,200	16,300	100	0
Local Government	3,600	3,800	3,400	-200	200

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS									
Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)									
	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	JUL 1987	JUN 1987	JUL 1986	JUL 1987	JUN 1987	JUL 1986	JUL 1987	JUN 1987	JUL 1986
MINING	\$487.81	\$500.07	\$482.58	41.2	42.2	38.3	11.84	11.85	12.60
CONSTRUCTION	\$410.89	\$413.41	\$392.89	38.8	38.6	37.1	10.59	10.71	10.59
MANUFACTURING	\$355.97	\$345.07	\$354.52	41.2	39.8	39.7	8.64	8.67	8.93
Durable Goods	\$371.88	\$359.48	\$360.28	42.5	40.3	40.3	8.75	8.92	8.94
Nondurable Goods	\$323.02	\$313.47	\$338.33	38.5	38.7	38.1	8.39	8.10	8.88
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	\$565.07	\$548.68	\$513.53	43.3	42.5	44.5	13.05	12.91	11.54
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	\$234.43	\$224.78	\$220.42	33.3	33.4	32.8	7.04	6.73	6.72
Wholesale Trade	\$395.52	\$386.07	\$375.33	40.4	40.3	41.2	9.79	9.58	9.11
Retail Trade	\$200.34	\$194.53	\$190.63	31.6	32.1	31.2	6.34	6.06	6.11
BANKING	\$223.85	\$230.27	\$217.74	38.2	38.7	38.2	5.86	5.95	5.70
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	JUL 1987	JUN 1987	JUL 1986	JUL 1987	JUN 1987	JUL 1986	JUL 1987	JUN 1987	JUL 1986
MANUFACTURING	\$362.22	\$363.77	\$364.51	39.5	39.8	40.1	9.17	9.14	9.09
Durable Goods	\$381.38	\$375.87	\$373.52	40.4	40.2	40.6	9.44	9.35	9.20
Nondurable Goods	\$318.44	\$324.86	\$333.10	38.0	38.4	38.2	8.38	8.46	8.72
NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.									

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

	<u>Jul. 1987</u>	<u>Jun. 1987</u>	<u>Jul. 1986</u>	Percent Change	
				<u>Jun.'87-Jul.'87</u>	<u>Jul.'86-Jul.'87</u>
CPI-U	340.8	340.1	328.0	+0.2%	+3.9%
CPI-W	335.6	334.9	322.9	+0.2%	+3.9%

Index Base Year 1967 = 100

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Statewide: Furr's Corporation has announced the purchase of Safeway's El Paso Division stores, including 39 stores in New Mexico. Furr's officials have not disclosed how the purchase will affect the approximately 2,000 Safeway workers in New Mexico. According to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, there were 1,389 bankruptcies in New Mexico during the first half of 1987; that figure was about 12 percent higher than the number filed during the first half of 1986. Approximately 26 percent of the bankruptcies are attributed to the drop in oil and gas prices during the first part of 1986. A recently released study shows that the Department of Energy (DOE) has a total economic impact in New Mexico of about \$6.4 billion, which amounts to 17 percent of the state's economic activity. DOE-related activities directly and indirectly support more than 64,000 jobs in the state. Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), including its support contractors, has more than 9,000 employees. Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque has over 8,000 employees. The study was prepared by economists from LANL and DOE.

Albuquerque Area: Officials for BetaWest and the City of Albuquerque have signed an agreement to build a 450-room hotel and 18-story office tower at the corner of Fourth and Copper N.W. and expand the Convention Center by 200,000 square feet. Construction of the project should be completed by the spring of 1991. Digital Equipment Corporation's Albuquerque manufacturing plant, which currently employs 1,000 workers, has been selected to produce the firm's new line of work station computers, the VAXstation 2000. The new production line is expected to mean an additional 200 jobs at the Digital plant by 1989. Construction will start this month on a \$9.2 million rehabilitation center for St. Joseph Hospital. The 48-bed, 73,000-square-foot building will be located northeast of the main hospital. Lukens Corporation, an eastern-based medical suture manufacturing company, is planning to relocate to Rio Rancho. The corporation will break ground this fall on a seven-acre parcel of land immediately west of the AMREP Southwest building. The plant is expected to employ about 200 people when it is completed next spring. A new \$20-million research and development facility is under

construction at Sandia National Laboratories. Work on the four-story Instrumentation System Laboratory began in February and should be completed by late-1989. A \$25 million business park, called Midtown Business Park, will be built at I-25 and Yale N.E. Construction will begin immediately on the first phase of the 49-acre business park, which will include a 100,000-square-foot warehouse, a 40,000-square-foot service center, and a 40,000-square-foot multi-tenant warehouse.

Carlsbad / Artesia Area: Lundberg Industries recalled its workers on August 11 after a one month maintenance shutdown at the potash mine. Monterey Construction currently has about 270 workers still on board at the Brantley Dam project between Carlsbad and Artesia. Monterey is expected to complete its work by this November. A proposed \$538,000 water line improvement project at the Carlsbad Industrial Park was recently given official approval. The project will be funded with a \$430,400 federal grant.

Clovis / Portales Area: In mid-July Frozfruit Corporation cut back one of its production lines from four to two shifts per day, resulting in the layoff of 40 workers. Approximately 140 workers remain employed at the frozen dessert manufacturer in Clovis. Work is scheduled to start soon on a new \$1 million municipal airport on 500 acres south of the Portales Industrial Park.

Gallup Area: The El Rancho Hotel will close and be sold at public auction. The hotel employs approximately 35 workers. The State Highway Department plans to spend as much as \$12.6 million between now and June 30, 1988 on McKinley county road projects. The money will be spent on the reconstruction of several county roads, a new port of entry, new signals, and the construction of a new road from Ambrosia Lake to Whitehorse.

Los Alamos Area: Groundbreaking ceremonies were recently held for a \$72.5 million fusion energy experimental facility at Los Alamos National Laboratories. Experiments are expected to begin at the Confinement Physics Research Facility by the early 1990s.

Las Cruces Area: Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in mid-July for a second K Mart

discount department store in Las Cruces. The facility, to be located at U.S. 70 and Del Rey Blvd., will encompass 86,000 square feet and should be open by spring 1988. The new K Mart store will employ about 100 persons and will be the anchor store for a new shopping center at the same location. Physical Science Laboratory (PSL), a research branch of New Mexico State University, has been selected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to operate a worldwide scientific balloon program. The program's headquarters are in Palestine, TX; however, the new contract should also result in additional full-time and student jobs at the NMSU campus.

Roswell Area: Construction on Transportation Manufacturing Company's (TMC) new plant is on schedule with completion expected by early next year. TMC is expected to add up to 500 workers to its current 1,000 work force to staff the new manufacturing division. Levi Strauss & Co. continues to increase production at its Roswell facilities, bringing its total work force to 650. Levi also plans to renovate its office space and parking facilities in the near future. A San Antonio, TX based hardware company, Lone Star Hardware, has announced plans to open an outlet some time this fall in the recently closed Allwoods Home Center building in Roswell. Lonestar is also planning to open a retail outlet at the closed Allwoods store in Hobbs.

Santa Fe Area: Plans have been announced for a residential development northwest of Santa Fe. A partnership consisting of Meadows Resources, Arizona developer Lyle Anderson, EF Hutton, and Franchise Finance Corporation of America will develop the subdivision, to be called Dutch Meadows. Developers hope to begin work on 114 residential lots and two 18-hole golf courses by spring 1988.

Silver City Area: CDK Contracting has hired approximately 275 workers for the copper smelter repair project at the Phelps Dodge (PD) copper smelter in Hurley. PD is spending \$14 million to refurbish and upgrade its facilities. PD has also contracted with Brown and Root Inc. to build a new \$55 million solvent extraction-electrowinning plant at the Santa Rita copper mine. The new plant should be in operation by the end of 1988. Cyprus Minerals Co. has acquired the mineral rights to the Pinos Altos ore body, and Cyprus plans to begin underground drilling for potential precious metals at the property.

Socorro Area: The Terminal Effects Research and Analysis (TERA) group at New Mexico Tech in Socorro was awarded a \$3.5 million contract from Clabir/General Defense Corporation to conduct ballistic test firing of tank ammunition. Clabir/General recently won a U.S. Army contract worth more than \$40 million to supply rounds for a major tank munitions program.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

New publications recently issued by the Economic Research and Analysis Bureau include:

1. Santa Fe Small Employer Wage Survey - Reports showing entry and average wages for 60 occupations as reported by 200 companies in Santa Fe employing 10 to 200 workers.
2. Current Occupational Supply / Demand Summary - Listing of occupational shortages and surpluses in major New Mexico cities.
3. New Mexico Job Hunters Guide - Fifty page report detailing job outlook, area demands, employers, wages, aptitudes, interviewing and related matters.
4. Prospects - (published by N.M. State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee) twenty-four page tabloid with extensive information on New Mexico jobs and educational opportunities.

Copies of the above are available at no charge from Economic Research & Analysis, N.Mex. Department of Labor, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87103, or call (505) 841-8645.

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY JULY 1987

REVISED JUNE 1987

REVISED JULY 1986

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	679,147	618,941	60,206	8.9%	680,985	618,955	62,030	9.1%	679,022	614,125	64,897	9.6%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	258,181	241,408	16,773	6.5%	259,054	241,796	17,258	6.7%	254,967	238,049	16,918	6.6%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	53,785	49,213	4,572	8.5%	54,834	50,387	4,447	8.1%	54,570	50,227	4,343	8.0%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	68,068	64,354	3,714	5.5%	67,338	63,422	3,916	5.8%	66,234	62,498	3,736	5.6%
Catron	1,277	1,163	114	8.9%	1,198	1,069	129	10.8%	1,162	1,032	130	11.2%
Chaves	22,381	20,498	1,883	8.4%	22,554	20,573	1,981	8.8%	22,562	20,405	2,157	9.6%
Cibola	9,245	7,911	1,334	14.4%	9,273	7,883	1,390	15.0%	9,002	7,729	1,273	19.7%
Colfax	7,578	6,758	820	10.8%	7,477	6,648	829	11.1%	7,762	6,841	921	11.9%
Curry	17,105	16,819	286	7.5%	17,207	15,924	1,283	7.5%	17,373	16,260	1,113	6.4%
De Baca	982	893	89	9.1%	949	856	93	9.8%	1,009	916	93	9.2%
Edwy	21,191	18,272	2,919	13.8%	21,375	18,722	2,653	12.4%	22,577	19,359	3,218	14.3%
Grañ	9,852	8,930	922	9.4%	9,806	8,833	973	9.9%	9,708	8,476	1,232	12.7%
Guadalupe	1,684	1,427	257	15.3%	1,670	1,405	265	15.9%	1,638	1,434	204	12.5%
Harding	514	460	54	10.5%	508	450	58	11.4%	515	463	52	10.1%
Hidalgo	2,440	2,299	141	5.8%	2,473	2,318	155	6.3%	2,536	2,381	155	6.1%
Lea	22,902	20,495	2,407	10.5%	23,276	20,662	2,614	11.2%	25,310	21,450	3,860	15.3%
Lincoln	8,157	7,701	456	5.6%	8,000	7,543	457	5.7%	8,187	7,743	444	5.4%
Luna	5,776	4,941	835	14.5%	5,763	4,838	925	16.1%	5,575	4,716	859	15.4%
McKinley	16,864	14,521	2,343	13.9%	17,096	14,787	2,309	13.5%	17,287	14,849	2,438	14.1%
Mora	1,321	915	406	30.7%	1,268	850	418	33.0%	1,339	837	502	37.5%
Otero	17,644	16,289	1,355	7.7%	17,825	16,371	1,454	8.2%	17,966	16,480	1,486	8.3%
Quay	4,589	4,235	354	7.7%	4,653	4,275	378	8.1%	4,675	4,254	421	9.0%
Rio Arriba	13,383	10,912	2,471	18.5%	13,549	10,872	2,677	19.8%	12,873	10,136	2,737	21.3%
Roosevelt	6,991	6,531	460	6.6%	6,869	6,463	406	5.9%	6,695	6,323	372	5.6%
Sandoval	23,274	21,366	1,908	8.2%	23,035	21,002	2,033	8.8%	22,449	20,556	1,893	8.4%
San Juan	34,556	29,067	5,489	15.9%	34,798	28,940	5,858	16.8%	36,402	29,561	6,841	18.8%
San Miguel	10,074	8,798	1,276	12.7%	10,147	8,806	1,341	13.2%	10,011	8,688	1,323	13.2%
Sierra	2,574	2,404	170	6.6%	2,673	2,468	205	7.7%	2,469	2,333	136	5.5%
Socorro	5,735	5,126	609	10.6%	5,625	5,032	593	10.5%	5,802	5,255	547	9.4%
Taos	10,330	7,650	2,680	25.9%	10,153	7,277	2,876	28.3%	10,578	7,595	2,983	28.2%
Torrance	3,413	3,034	379	11.1%	3,409	3,069	340	10.0%	3,233	2,870	363	11.2%
Union	2,095	1,931	164	7.8%	2,045	1,902	143	7.0%	2,182	2,005	177	8.1%
Valencia	15,186	13,620	1,566	10.3%	15,085	13,512	1,573	10.4%	14,374	12,904	1,470	10.2%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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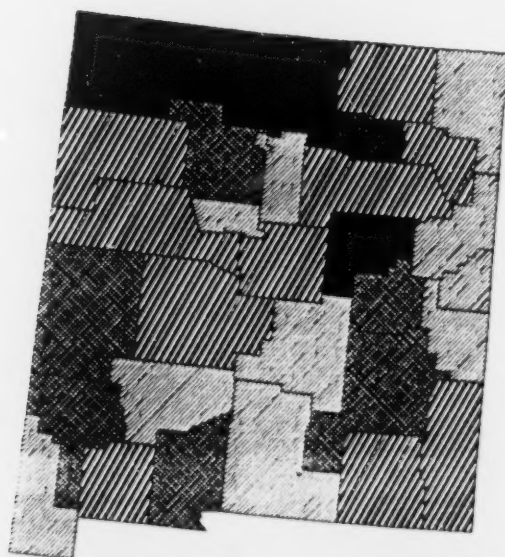
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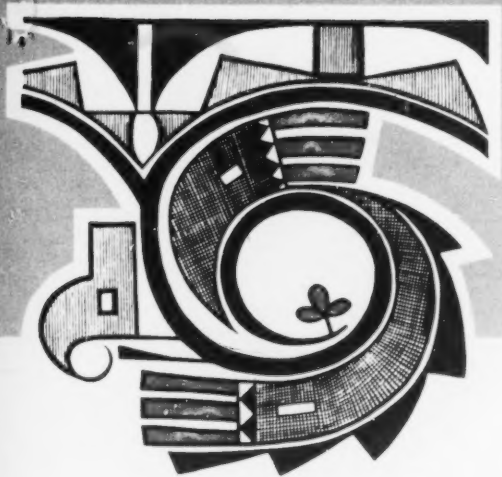
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July 1987



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New Mexico's unemployment rate declined from 8.6 to 8.3 percent in August, according to estimates based largely on the U.S. Department of Labor's household survey. Much of the decline was seasonal in nature due to expected employment gains in manufacturing and retail trade, along with the usual late summer decline in the number of youth seeking temporary work. The number of unemployed was estimated at 55,900 in August, while the total number of employed in the state was set at 616,300. New Mexico's unemployment situation so far this year continues to show improvement over 1986. The jobless rate has fallen by almost a percentage point over the last year, and the number of unemployed is now 5,700 lower than in August 1986. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) this August was 5.8 percent compared with 6.1 percent in July and 6.7 percent one year ago.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in New Mexico, based on a monthly employer payroll survey, was 534,400 in August, representing a 700 decline over the month. The small decrease was largely the result of seasonal payroll cutbacks in services and government.

The largest payroll increases in August occurred in manufacturing, as seasonal hiring in food processing helped push up employment in the industry. Mining added 100 jobs during the month as an Eddy County potash mine reopened after a one-month maintenance shutdown. One of the most disappointing employment changes in August was the rather meager 100 increase in construction. After experiencing a strong gain in July, the industry reverted to the sluggish employment pattern in evidence this spring. As a result, construction employment is now more than 1,000 jobs below the level of one year ago.

Total nonfarm payroll employment in New Mexico continues to show restrained growth, with an increase of 5,400 jobs or 1.0 percent from August 1986. Construction, transportation & utilities, and government are reporting lower payrolls than one year ago, while the other major industries, with the exception of manufacturing, are registering generally modest employment gains. Manufacturing employment is now up by 2,000 jobs or a healthy 5.3 percent over the year, and the transportation equipment, food processing, and apparel subsectors have been leading the way.

AUGUST SUMMARY

	Prel. Aug. 1987	Jul. 1987	Revised Aug. 1986	Change From Jul. 1987	Aug. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	672,200	677,900	680,100	-5,700	-7,900
Employment	616,300	619,700	618,500	-3,400	-2,200
Unemployment	55,900	58,200	61,600	-2,300	-5,700
Rate	8.3%	8.6%	9.1%		

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

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NEW MEXICO	PRELIM AUG 1987	REVISED JUL 1987	REVISED AUG 1986	AUG CHANGE JUL 1987	FROM AUG 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	534,400	535,100	529,000	-700	5,400
MINING	15,200	15,100	15,200	100	0
Metal Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	-100
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,800	3,700	4,100	100	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,400	9,400	9,000	0	400
CONSTRUCTION	35,900	35,800	37,000	100	-1,100
MANUFACTURING	40,000	39,200	38,000	800	2,000
DURABLE GOODS	25,900	25,600	24,600	300	1,300
Lumber & Wood Products	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,700	2,600	2,600	100	100
Elec & Electronic Equip	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Transportation Equipment	5,100	5,100	4,200	0	900
Other Durable Goods	10,800	10,600	10,600	200	200
NONDURABLE GOODS	14,100	13,600	13,400	500	700
Food & Kindred Products	4,900	4,400	4,600	500	300
Textile & Apparel	2,600	2,600	2,400	0	200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,600	6,600	6,400	0	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	27,900	27,700	28,600	200	-700
TRANSPORTATION	12,200	11,900	12,100	300	100
Railroad Transportation	2,100	2,100	2,400	0	-300
Trucking & Warehousing	6,100	6,000	5,800	100	300
Other Transportation	4,000	3,800	3,900	200	100
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,700	15,800	16,500	-100	-800
Communication	6,600	6,700	6,900	-100	-300
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,100	9,100	9,600	0	-500
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	131,300	131,000	129,600	300	1,700
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,500	22,500	22,500	0	0
Durable Goods	13,600	13,500	13,400	100	200
Nondurable Goods	8,900	9,000	9,100	-100	-200
RETAIL TRADE	108,800	108,500	107,100	300	1,700
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,500	4,700	4,600	-200	-100
General Merchandise Stores	12,900	12,700	12,100	200	800
Food Stores	15,600	15,700	16,500	-100	-900
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,600	13,600	13,300	0	300
Apparel & Accessories	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Furniture & Furnishing	4,700	4,600	4,300	100	400
Eating & Drinking Places	39,900	39,400	39,200	500	700
Miscellaneous Retail	12,200	12,400	11,700	-200	500
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	27,400	27,300	26,900	100	500
Banking	8,000	8,000	8,100	0	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,800	3,800	3,600	0	200
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Real Estate	6,700	6,500	6,500	200	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,000	6,100	5,900	-100	100
SERVICES	124,700	125,200	120,400	-500	4,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,900	13,000	12,300	-100	600
Personal Services	6,000	5,800	5,900	200	100
Business Services	29,000	29,300	27,700	-300	1,300
Health Services	30,100	30,000	29,600	100	500
Legal Services	4,100	4,200	4,000	-100	100
Educational Services	4,000	3,800	4,200	200	-200
Social Services	6,400	6,500	6,100	-100	300
Membership Organizations	8,400	8,600	7,700	-200	700
Other Services	23,800	24,000	22,900	-200	900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	132,000	133,800	133,300	-1,800	-1,300
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	32,000	32,000	30,600	0	1,400
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	100,000	101,800	102,700	-1,800	-2,700
State Government 2/	43,500	44,400	48,500	-900	-5,000
Local Government	56,500	57,400	54,200	-900	2,300

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

Albuquerque's employment situation changed very little over the past month. Both July's revised unemployment rate and the August preliminary rate stood at 6.3 percent. Albuquerque's unemployment rate has varied only slightly over the past year, generally falling within the low-to-mid-six percent range.

One reason the unemployment rate seems to have found a home at the mid-six percent range is the modest growth in the number of nonagricultural jobs. Albuquerque's economy has generated 3,800 new jobs over the last year - a relatively constrained 1.7 percent increase. Although this is somewhat faster growth than the 1.0 percent growth experienced statewide, it remains below the increase of 2.5 percent reported nationally.

During August, total nonfarm payroll employment posted a 400 increase, a

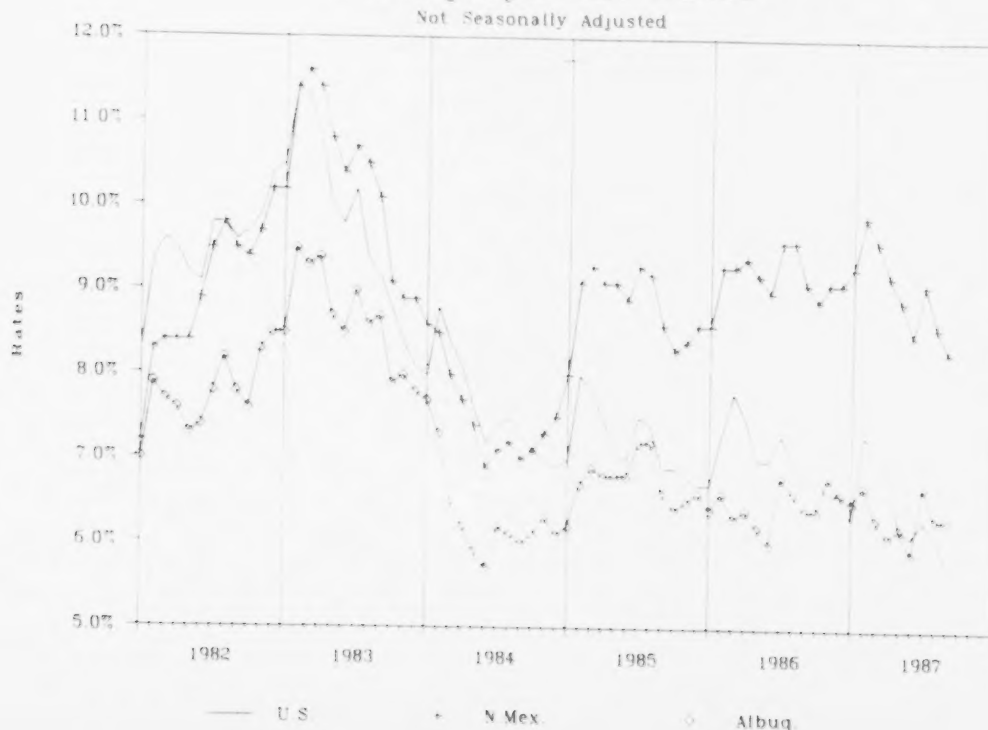
subdued increase for late summer. Of the eight major industries monitored, four showed no change at all. Construction employment was unchanged during a month which normally sees job gains of between 200 and 300 in the building industry. Construction has actually changed very little throughout the spring and summer, and as a result, employment in the industry is now down by 700 jobs over the year.

Manufacturing added 200 jobs in August; about half were seasonal food processing jobs and the remainder were scattered among electronic equipment and several small non-durable goods subsectors. The largest payroll increase was in trade, with seasonal hiring in general merchandise and restaurants accounting for the majority of the additional jobs.

AUGUST SUMMARY

	Prel. Aug. 1987	Revised Jul. 1987	Revised Jun. 1986	Change From Jul. 1987	Change From Jun. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	254,100	257,600	255,700	-3,500	-1,600
Employment	238,100	241,400	239,200	-3,300	-1,100
Unemployment	16,000	16,200	16,500	- 200	- 500
Rate	6.3%	6.3%	6.5%		

Unemployment Rates



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM AUGUST 1987	REVISED JULY 1987	REVISED AUGUST 1986	AUGUST JULY 1987	CHANGE FROM AUGUST 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	232,200	231,800	228,400	400	3,800
MINING	200	200	200	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	17,100	17,100	17,800	0	-700
MANUFACTURING	19,900	19,700	19,900	200	0
Durable Goods	14,100	14,100	14,300	0	-200
Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,600	5,600	200	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,200	12,200	12,100	0	100
Transportation	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	100
Communication	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	61,000	60,600	59,200	400	1,800
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,200	14,200	14,000	0	200
Durable Goods	9,700	9,700	9,500	0	200
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	46,800	46,400	45,200	400	1,600
General Merchandise Stores	5,200	5,100	4,600	100	600
Food Stores	5,000	5,000	5,500	0	-500
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	18,200	18,000	17,600	200	600
Other Retail Trade	13,300	13,200	12,500	100	800
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	15,000	15,000	14,400	0	600
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	4,300	4,300	4,000	0	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	7,500	7,500	7,200	0	300
SERVICES	64,000	64,100	61,400	-100	2,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4,100	4,100	3,800	0	300
Personal Services	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Business Services	20,800	20,800	19,800	0	1,000
Health Services	14,600	14,500	14,100	100	500
Social Services	3,100	3,200	2,700	-100	400
Membership Organizations	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
Other Services	16,400	16,500	16,000	-100	400
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	42,800	42,900	43,400	-100	-600
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	13,200	13,500	12,900	-300	300
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	29,600	29,400	30,500	200	-900
State Government	10,500	9,300	11,900	600	-1,400
Local Government	19,100	19,500	18,600	-400	500

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM AUG 1987	REVISED JUL 1987	REVISED AUG 1986	AUG CHANGE FROM JUL 1987	AUG 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	38,150	37,700	39,650	450	-1,500
MINING	50	50	50	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,900	2,900	2,700	0	200
MANUFACTURING	3,400	3,200	3,500	200	-100
Durable Goods	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	100
Nondurable Goods	2,100	1,900	2,300	200	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Transportation	400	350	400	50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	800	850	800	-50	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,800	7,650	7,800	150	0
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	850	0	-50
RETAIL TRADE	7,000	6,850	6,950	150	50
General Merchandise Stores	900	850	900	50	0
Food Stores	1,050	1,050	1,000	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	1,000	900	900	100	100
Eating & Drinking Places	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	-100
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,650	1,600	0	50
SERVICES	6,250	6,150	5,500	100	750
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	800	800	550	0	250
Business Services	1,400	1,300	1,050	100	350
Health Services	1,750	1,750	1,650	0	100
Social Services	300	300	250	0	50
Other Services	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	14,900	14,900	17,300	0	-2,400
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,300	4,400	4,400	-100	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	10,600	10,500	12,900	100	-2,300
State Government	5,400	5,400	8,400	0	-3,000
Local Government	5,200	5,100	4,500	100	700

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM AUG 1987	REVISED JUL 1987	REVISED AUG 1986	AUG CHANGE FROM JUL 1987	AUG 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	55,750	56,150	54,600	-400	1,150
MINING	50	100	100	-50	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	100
MANUFACTURING	1,650	1,650	1,600	0	50
Durable Goods	1,050	1,050	1,000	0	50
Nondurable Goods	600	600	600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	-100
Transportation	400	400	400	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	700	700	800	0	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11,350	11,200	10,700	150	650
WHOLESALE TRADE	750	750	700	0	50
RETAIL TRADE	10,600	10,450	10,000	150	600
General Merchandise Stores	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Food Stores	2,000	1,950	1,750	50	250
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	4,200	4,100	4,000	100	200
Other Retail Trade	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	100
SERVICES	14,700	14,700	14,200	0	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	100
Business Services	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
Health Services	3,100	3,000	3,000	100	100
Social Services	600	600	600	0	0
Other Services	5,600	5,700	5,400	-100	200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	21,200	21,700	21,300	-500	-100
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,600	1,700	1,700	-100	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	19,600	20,000	19,600	-400	0
State Government	16,000	16,300	16,300	-300	-300
Local Government	3,600	3,700	3,300	-100	300

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS									
Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)									
	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986
MINING	\$491.05	\$493.31	\$503.23	42.7	42.6	39.5	11.50	11.58	12.74
CONSTRUCTION	\$407.16	\$406.07	\$407.74	39.0	38.6	38.0	10.44	10.52	10.73
MANUFACTURING	\$346.43	\$353.13	\$338.82	39.1	39.5	38.9	8.86	8.94	8.71
Durable Goods	\$357.30	\$364.51	\$346.58	39.7	40.1	39.7	9.00	9.09	8.73
Nondurable Goods	\$319.58	\$326.04	\$322.15	38.0	38.0	37.2	8.41	8.58	8.66
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	\$570.06	\$557.71	\$585.64	41.1	43.1	44.4	13.87	12.94	13.19
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	\$224.09	\$228.77	\$218.44	33.1	33.3	32.7	6.77	6.87	6.68
Wholesale Trade	\$375.66	\$379.85	\$378.48	40.7	40.8	41.5	9.23	9.31	9.12
Retail Trade	\$195.93	\$200.65	\$188.78	31.5	31.9	31.1	6.22	6.29	6.07
BANKING	\$226.10	\$223.82	\$218.68	38.0	38.0	37.9	5.95	5.89	5.77
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986
MANUFACTURING	\$357.59	\$363.13	\$349.77	39.6	39.6	39.3	9.03	9.17	8.90
Durable Goods	\$373.46	\$380.70	\$361.00	39.9	40.5	40.2	9.36	9.40	8.98
Nondurable Goods	\$307.51	\$309.22	\$313.63	38.2	36.9	36.3	8.05	8.38	8.64

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Albuquerque Area: Construction has started on a new \$10 million shopping center to be built at the northwest corner of Coors Boulevard and Central Avenue. The center will have a 75,000-square-foot Furr's Food Emporium, a 9,000-square-foot bakery, several small shops, and an urgent care center. The project should be completed by March of 1988. Builders Square, a division of K Mart Corp., opened a new hardware store in September. The 80,160-square-foot store is located at Hotel Circle, I-40 and Eubank NE. Construction will begin November 12 on two Target department stores. One will be located next to Builders Square at I-40 and Eubank, the other will be at Academy Center near Montgomery and Wyoming. Each store will contain 101,900 square feet, should be completed by the fall of 1988, and will employ over 200 workers apiece.

Alamogordo Area: Contract negotiations were recently completed between TRW Corporation and the Pentagon for a \$125.6 million systems management and engineering project at Orogrande's "Star Wars" laser facility. TRW

will employ approximately 250 workers at the peak of the project - about 180 TRW personnel and the remainder subcontractor workers. TRW's main office will be at the Orogrande site on White Sands Missile Range. Management of the 68,000-square-foot Value+ general merchandise store in Alamogordo has announced plans to close the facility. A new \$6 million sawmill operation was recently dedicated on the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation. The sawmill, which has the capacity to cut up to 25 million board-feet of lumber a year, is expected to initially employ approximately 80 tribal members. Ruidoso Downs Race Track closed for the season on September 6, resulting in the layoff of over 250 workers.

Carlsbad / Artesia Area: Western Ag Minerals recalled its workers at the end of August after a one-month maintenance shutdown at its potash mine. A Washington state firm, Nuclear Packaging of Federal Way, was awarded a \$3.5 million contract to design and manufacture containers used to transport nuclear waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP).

Nuclear Packaging will build the first of six containers and trailers out of state; however, Gregory Enterprises of Carlsbad, working under a subcontract, will construct the remaining containers. Gregory Enterprises is expected to employ about 30 workers when assembly operations begin early next year.

Clovis / Portales Area: Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) Regents approved plans for a \$4.6 million Performing Arts Center on the Portales campus and various projects, costing an estimated \$2.4 million, on the Roswell campus of ENMU. Frozfruit Corporation in Clovis laid off 47 workers in mid-August in anticipation of the usual fall/winter drop off in demand for the firm's frozen fruit bar product. The recent layoff drops the firm's payroll to approximately 65 workers. Frozfruit employs up to 160 persons during the summer months.

Farmington Area: A Canadian firm, Mav-Rec, is considering Farmington for the location of a recreational vehicle manufacturing plant which could employ up to 25 workers. Jaynes Corporation has been awarded a \$1.2 million contract to build a new post office in Bloomfield. Between 40 and 60 Farmington City employees could lose their jobs during the next two months. The City Council ordered the reduction as a result of a continued loss of revenue due to the slump in the oil and gas industry. A new 22,000-square-foot Thriftway shopping center opened on U.S. 550 in Waterflow in early September.

Hobbs / Lovington Area: Lone Star Hardware, a franchise of Westlake Hardware, is scheduled to open a retail outlet in October at the closed 38,000-square-foot Allwoods Home Center location on North Dal Paso in Hobbs. Lone Star is also opening a store in the closed Allwoods facility in Roswell at the same time. The stores are expected to employ approximately 30 workers each. A Roswell firm, Armstrong Construction, was awarded a \$611,000 contract for road work on south Grimes street in Hobbs. Rotary drilling activity in the Permian Basin dropped to 131 operating rigs during the last week in August after setting the high for the year the previous week with 141 rigs. One year ago, the basin count of operating oil rigs was 82, according to Hughes Tool Co. officials who compile the drilling activity counts.

Las Cruces Area: Local developers Jim Ikard and John Ikard recently announced plans for a \$9 million renovation project at the Loretto Center in Las Cruces. The project will convert the nearly vacant shopping center into an office and retail complex to be called Loretto Towne Centre. A \$13.1 million National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) contract was recently awarded to Argee Corporation of Denver; the company will build several facilities at the NASA tracking and data relay station northeast of Las Cruces on the White Sands Missile Range. The project is expected to mean an additional 150 jobs at the NASA site by mid-1989 when they are fully operational. Federal officials have announced a start up date of next May for a new \$3 million port of entry facility at Columbus.

Los Alamos: Los Alamos National Laboratory conducted groundbreaking ceremonies this month on a new \$25 million computing center. Construction on the 90,000-square-foot, three story building will start soon and should be completed by the spring of 1989. The center will house the world's most powerful scientific computing facility.

Roswell Area: Hondo Oil and Gas Company, a Roswell-based independent oil producing company, is merging with Pauley Petroleum Inc. of Los Angeles which will result in additional jobs at the firm's Roswell headquarters. According to Hondo officials, the present staff of 100 in Roswell could double within the next one to two years. Hondo was founded in 1986 by Robert O. Anderson, retired chairman of Atlantic Richfield.

Silver City Area: Brown and Root Inc. has begun hiring workers for the construction of the new \$55 million solvent extraction-electrowinning plant at the Phelps Dodge copper mine at Santa Rita. Brown and Root is expected to employ about 250 workers on the project.

Socorro Area: Testing activity is continuing at the Stallion Site on the White Sands Missile Range southeast of Socorro for the U.S. Army Forward Area Air Defense (FAAD) system. Four prospective contractors, including Martin Marietta and Hughes Aircraft, are in competition for the FAAD contract. The U.S. Army is expected to select the winning contractor sometime in November.

ANNUAL AVERAGE PAY FOR 1986

Annual average pay figures are in for 1986. Each year the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) compiles data showing annual average pay for workers covered by unemployment insurance. The data are broken down by state, and industry within that state, i.e. "who did what, where, and for how much".

The average annual pay for all covered workers in New Mexico last year was \$17,301, which was up by 1.8 percent from 1985. The bad news is, New Mexico lost ground on the rest of the country for the fourth year in a row. We were ranked 32nd in 1983, 33rd in 1984, 35th in 1985, and dropped to 39th in 1986. Annual average pay is computed by dividing total annual payrolls of employers covered by unemployment insurance programs by average monthly employment for the employers. Average annual pay data is affected by the ratio of full-time to part-time workers as well as the number of workers in high-paying versus entry level jobs. Below is the annual average pay data for both New Mexico and the nation.

Annual Average Pay in 1986

	New Mexico		U.S.	
	Dollars	% change 1985-86	Dollars	% change 1985-86
Private	\$16,293	1.6%	\$19,746	4.0%
Mining	28,787	3.5	32,555	3.8
Construction	16,736	2.0	22,190	3.8
Manufacturing	20,187	3.9	24,861	4.3
Trans. & Public Util.	24,933	2.5	26,561	3.4
Wholesale Trade	20,020	1.1	24,820	4.4
Retail Trade	10,038	.9	11,139	3.7
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	18,269	5.6	24,249	8.7
Services	16,891	4.2	17,643	4.6
Government	19,823	2.4	21,083	4.1

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				Percent Change	
	<u>Aug. 1987</u>	<u>Jul. 1987</u>	<u>Aug. 1986</u>	<u>Jul.'87-Aug.'87</u>	<u>Aug.'86-Aug.'87</u>
CPI-U	342.7	340.8	328.6	+0.6%	+4.3%
CPI-W	337.4	335.6	323.4	+0.5%	+4.3%

Index Base Year 1967 = 100

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1987

REVISED JULY 1987

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	Labor Force			Rate	Labor Force			Rate	Labor Force			Rate
	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate		Empl.	Unemp.	Rate		Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	
STATEWIDE	672,189	616,321	55,868	8.3%	677,851	619,696	58,155	8.6%	680,119	618,488	61,631	9.1%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	254,111	238,114	15,997	6.3%	257,591	241,353	16,238	6.3%	255,728	239,243	16,485	6.4%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	55,080	51,027	4,053	7.4%	54,073	49,658	4,415	8.2%	56,144	52,214	3,930	7.0%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	67,339	63,746	3,593	5.3%	67,972	64,345	3,627	5.3%	66,284	62,904	3,380	5.1%
Catron	1,302	1,194	108	8.3%	1,272	1,161	111	8.7%	1,171	1,049	122	10.4%
Chaves	22,147	20,453	1,694	7.6%	22,529	20,723	1,806	8.0%	22,213	20,084	2,129	9.6%
Cibola	8,853	7,597	1,256	14.2%	9,165	7,895	1,270	13.9%	8,925	7,288	1,637	18.3%
Colfax	7,454	6,723	731	9.8%	7,539	6,745	794	10.5%	7,683	6,860	823	10.7%
Curry	16,809	15,571	1,238	7.4%	17,046	15,786	1,260	7.4%	17,497	16,384	1,113	6.4%
De Baca	969	885	84	8.7%	976	891	85	8.7%	988	901	87	8.8%
Eddy	20,406	18,100	2,306	11.3%	21,070	18,235	2,835	13.5%	22,685	19,427	3,258	14.4%
Grant	9,954	9,039	915	9.2%	9,819	8,912	907	9.2%	9,598	8,379	1,219	12.7%
Guadalupe	1,720	1,471	249	14.5%	1,675	1,424	251	15.0%	1,653	1,437	216	13.1%
Harding	489	442	47	9.6%	504	459	45	8.9%	504	454	50	9.9%
Hidalgo	2,372	2,233	139	5.9%	2,477	2,335	142	5.7%	2,516	2,375	141	5.6%
Lea	22,381	20,193	2,188	9.8%	22,780	20,453	2,327	10.2%	24,867	21,194	3,673	14.8%
Lincoln	8,119	7,719	400	4.9%	8,112	7,685	427	5.3%	8,285	7,871	414	5.0%
Luna	5,973	5,195	778	13.0%	5,715	4,931	784	13.7%	5,981	5,175	806	13.5%
McKinley	16,987	14,846	2,141	12.6%	17,144	14,866	2,278	13.3%	17,176	14,654	2,522	14.7%
Mora	1,285	921	364	28.3%	1,292	913	379	29.3%	1,275	850	425	33.3%
Otero	17,714	16,353	1,361	7.7%	17,799	16,485	1,314	7.4%	17,767	16,445	1,322	7.4%
Quay	4,411	4,082	329	7.5%	4,565	4,227	338	7.4%	4,650	4,238	412	8.9%
Rio Arriba	13,539	11,243	2,296	17.0%	13,297	10,889	2,408	18.1%	12,876	10,459	2,417	18.8%
Roosevelt	6,559	6,157	402	6.1%	6,964	6,518	446	6.4%	6,736	6,408	328	4.9%
Sandoval	23,597	21,709	1,888	8.0%	23,169	21,322	1,847	8.0%	23,132	21,117	2,015	8.7%
San Juan	33,925	28,851	5,074	15.0%	34,285	29,008	5,277	15.4%	35,867	29,620	6,247	17.4%
San Miguel	10,020	8,774	1,246	12.4%	9,993	8,780	1,213	12.1%	9,738	8,503	1,235	12.7%
Sierra	2,520	2,342	178	7.1%	2,559	2,399	160	6.3%	2,523	2,363	160	6.3%
Socorro	5,694	5,206	488	8.6%	5,687	5,116	571	10.0%	5,691	5,189	502	8.8%
Taos	10,034	7,621	2,413	24.0%	10,201	7,635	2,566	25.2%	10,042	7,468	2,574	25.6%
Torrance	3,220	2,903	317	9.8%	3,393	3,028	365	10.8%	3,170	2,845	325	10.3%
Union	2,052	1,905	147	7.2%	2,081	1,927	154	7.4%	2,174	2,006	168	7.7%
Valencia	15,154	13,706	1,448	9.6%	15,107	13,592	1,515	10.0%	14,580	13,084	1,496	10.3%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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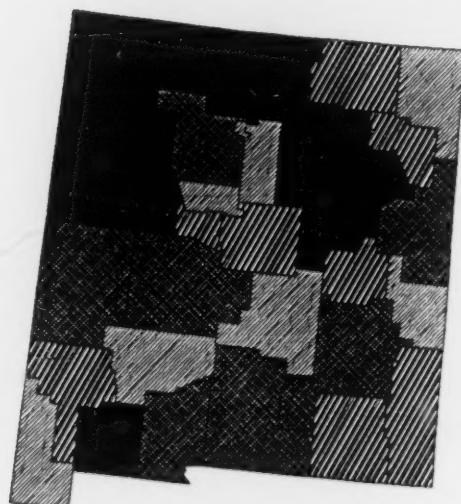
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